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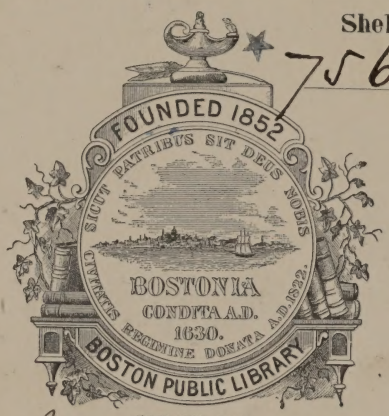

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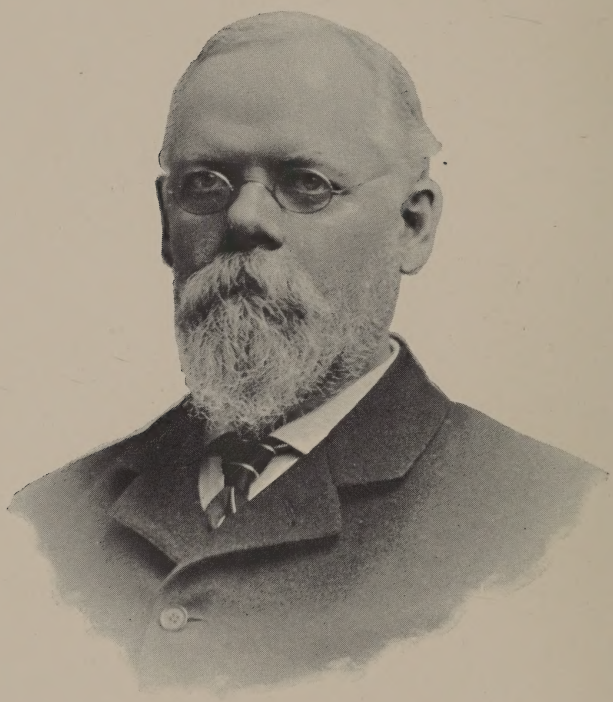

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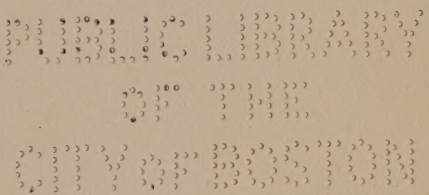

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Seranus Bowen,

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PRELIMINARY

For a considerable time a feeling had been expressed among the members of the Chapter that there should be a celebration, to commemorate, in a fitting manner, the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of its organization.

At the Annual Convocation, in 1893, this feeling found expression in the following motion, offered by Right Excellent Eugene A. Holton, which was adopted by a large and unanimous vote.

"*Voted:* That a Committee of nine be appointed, of which the Council shall be three, to act with full powers in arranging for the celebration of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of St. Andrew's Chapter."

At various times during the year the Committee reported progress, and the Chapter, by vote, expressed its approval of the plans proposed.

As it seems desirable to place before the members of the Chapter, in a permanent form, an account of this celebration, the following pages have been prepared.

St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter.

INSTITUTED, A.·.L.·.5769, A.·.INV.·.2299.

Boston, Mass.

JOHN A. LOWELL & CO. BOSTON, U. S. A.

St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter
presents you a fraternal invitation
to attend its
One Hundred and Twenty-fifth
Anniversary
which will be celebrated
Wednesday, September fifth, 1894,
it being the
One Thousand Five Hundred & Thirty-eighth
Convocation of the Chapter.

Seranus Bowen,
High Priest.

Attest: Warren B. Ellis,
Secretary

Committee of Arrangements.

R.·.E.·.Seranus Bowen. R.·.E.·.Eugene A. Holton.
M.·.E.·.Thomas Waterman. R.·.E.·.Albert L. Richardson.
R.·.E.·.Warren B. Ellis. E.·.Charles E. Phipps.
Augustus Ridgeway. William L. Willey.
James D. Ronimus.

Officers of the Chapter.

Seranus Bowen, High Priest.
Augustus Ridgeway, King.
William L. Willey, Scribe.
James D. Ronimus, Treasurer.
Warren B. Ellis, Secretary.
Gus G. R. Stanwood, Captain of the Host.
Francis M. Learned, Principal Sojourner.
William B. Phipps, Royal Arch Captain.
Ferdinand M. Trifet, Master Third Veil.
Abbott L. Aldrich, Master Second Veil.
Harry D. Delano, Master First Veil.
Horatio G. Hall, Senior Steward.
James A. Alexander, Junior Steward.
Howard M. Dow, Organist.

Trustees.

Seranus Bowen, ex-officio. James D. Ronimus, ex-officio.
Frederick T. Comee. Otis E. Weld.
Josiah T. Dyer.

ST. ANDREW'S ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
AUGUST 12
1769
BOSTON, MASS.

ST. ANDREW'S

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

THE one thousand five hundred and thirty-eighth Convocation of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter was held in Sutton Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass., on Wednesday, September 5, A. D. 1894.

At one o'clock P. M. the Convocation was opened and the customary business transacted, after which the High Priest announced that the Chapter would be closed until two o'clock P. M., at which time the celebration of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary would be observed.

During the intermission a bronze medal was distributed to visitors and members, commemorative of the 125th Anniversary of the Chapter.

The obverse bears, within a trefoil, three equilateral triangles, the point of union being covered by a circular tablet with St. Andrew's cross on the centre.

The tablet has heraldic lines denoting blue, the cross is white, and the interior of the triangles is red.

The legend is "125th Anniversary" above, and the date "1769–1894" below, with a small St. Andrew's cross before and after it.

The reverse bears the ark of the covenant, guarded by cherubs, and the date of the foundation, August 12, 1769. The legend is "St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter" above, and "Boston, Mass." below.

The medal is suspended from a scarlet ribbon of watered silk.

At two o'clock the Chapter was again opened, there being present a large number of members of the Chapter and invited guests. The High Priest appointed M.·. E.·. Thomas Waterman, M.·.E.·. Frederick T. Comee and R.·.E.·.Eugene A. Holton to wait upon the Most Excellent General Grand High Priest and introduce him into the Chapter.

The Committee escorted M.·. E.·. George L. McCahan, General Grand High Priest, into the Chapter, where he was officially welcomed by the High Priest and invited to a seat in the East. He was accompanied by M.·. E.·. Arthur G. Pollard, General Grand Scribe; M.·. E.·. George E. Corson, General Grand Master of

125TH ANNIVERSARY
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ST ANDREWS ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
BOSTON MASS.

the Second Veil, M.·. E.·. J. Albert Blake, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, and M.·. E.·. Seward S. Stearns, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maine.

The same Committee then introduced M.·. E.·. J. Gilman Waite, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, who was accompanied by

R.·. E.·. James Downs,
Deputy Grand High Priest.

R.·. E.·. Forrest E. Barker,
Grand King.

R.·. E.·. David W. Battles,
Grand Scribe.

R.·. E.·. John Haigh,
Grand Treasurer.

R.·. E.·. Daniel W. Lawrence,
Trustee of Funds.

R.·. E.·. Robert K. Sears,
District Deputy Grand High Priest, 2d District.

R.·. E.·. Elbridge G. Morton, Jr.,
District Deputy Grand High Priest, 3d District.

R.·. E.·. John M. Cochran,
District Deputy Grand High Priest, 4th District.

R.·. E.·. Benjamin Andrew,
District Deputy Grand High Priest, 6th District.

R.·. E.·. David Vining Poole,
District Deputy Grand High Priest, 7th District.

R.·. E.·. Albion H. Libbey,
District Deputy Grand High Priest, 8th District.

R.·. E.·. Charles C. Henry,
District Deputy Grand High Priest, 9th District.
Rev. Charles A. Skinner,
Excellent Grand Chaplain.
William P. Brechin,
Excellent Grand Captain of the Host.
Harry Hunt,
Excellent Grand Lecturer.
Arthur T. Way,
Excellent Grand Lecturer.
Albert K. Hebard,
Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner.
R. Walter Hilliard,
Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain.
James A. Brown,
Excellent Grand Master First Veil.
William Donaldson,
Excellent Grand Tyler.

After these Companions had been seated the same Committee introduced Right Worshipful Charles S. Robertson, Junior Grand Warden of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, accompanied by R.·. W.·. Sereno D. Nickerson, Grand Secretary; R.·. W.·. Charles C. Dame, Past Grand Master; R.·. W.·. Charles I. Litchfield, Past Senior Grand Warden; W.·. Charles E. Phipps, Grand Marshal, and W.·. John H. Chester, Grand Tyler.

All were officially welcomed, the large hall being filled to its utmost capacity.

OPENING REMARKS OF THE HIGH PRIEST.

Companions:

Three generations of men have completed their life work and passed away and the fourth has already well advanced since the formation of St. Andrew's Chapter.

Upon our records are many names of men renowned in Masonic, Military and Civic life, whose bright examples are an inspiration to every member to-day.

We come together now to celebrate our long and prosperous career with joy and thanksgiving.

Let us first of all reverently unite with our Grand Chaplain in invoking the blessing of Deity.

Rev. CHARLES A. SKINNER, Excellent Grand Chaplain, was then conducted to the Altar. After a fervent prayer, expressing thankfulness for the past and hope for the future, the Temple Quartette sang the anthem:

"Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place." Ps. xc.
Holden.

READING OF CHARTER.

M.·. E.·. Thomas Waterman then read a copy of the Charter as follows:

To all the Exalted and Enlightened under the Canopy of Heaven, wheresoever assembled or dispers'd,

THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

IN AND FOR THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

Sendeth Greeting:

BE IT KNOWN, That in pursuance of the powers vested in us, by the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America, and for sundry good and sufficient Reasons and Causes, us thereunto moving, and being first fully informed of the good moral character, and reposing special trust and confidence in the Masonic Abilities of the following Companions of this Degree, all resident in, or near to the Town of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, in the State aforesaid, already congregated in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and known and distinguished by the name of ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, have appointed and confirmed, and do by these presents approve and

confirm WILLIAM MCKEEN, JOHN JENKINS, BENJAMIN HURD, JR., JOHN CADE, THOMAS DAKIN, JOSHUA EATON, WILLIAM WILLIAMS, EDWARD RUMNEY, BENJAMIN SMITH, JR., BENJAMIN JAMES, HENRY FOWLE, WILLIAM B. EATON, JOHN SOLEY, JR., WILLIAM WOART, JAMES HARRISON, EDMUND BOWMAN, EDWARD BELL, JOHN LAMSON, JOHN RAYMOND, FREDERICK ENSLIN, ALEXANDER ORROK, HEZEKIAH HUDSON, JONATHAN LORING, JR., WILLIAM BLAKE, JOSEPH TUCKER, THOMAS O. LARKIN, SAMUEL BILLINGS, SAMUEL BRADLEY, PATRICK FLETCHER, EDMUND HOLDEN, JOSEPH SMITH, HENRY PURKITT, SETH SWEETSER, DAVID STANWOOD, and ASAHEL BIGELOW, together with all and every their regular associates, Companions, and successors, in their rights and privileges, as a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, by the Name and Title of ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, No. 1, — to take rank and precedence from the twenty-eighth day of August, in the year of our Lord, 1769, and we do hereby authorize them, the said William McKeen and others, or any nine of them, to continue from time to time, and at all times hereafter, to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in the said Town of Boston, and to exalt at their discretion, any Master Mason to the Degree of Royal Arch Mason, and for that purpose to open and hold Lodges of Mark Masters, Past Masters, and

Most Excellent Masters, agreeably to the ancient usages and customs of Royal Arch Masons, and also to make and establish any good and wholesome Bye-Laws and Regulations for the Government of said Chapter and Lodges, so always as such Bye-Laws and Regulations are not contrary to the Constitution of the said General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, or of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and the same at pleasure to alter or repeal; and further, to order and establish such dues, penalties and fees for the admission of Candidates and Members, as to them, or the major part of them and their associates, shall deem meet and proper.

And we do hereby enjoin upon the Companions of said Chapter, that they or any number of them do not at any time hold any private meetings or assemblies, for Masonic purposes, except in the presence of the High Priest, King and Scribe, of the said Chapter, for the time being, or of one of them, or a Companion of their, or either of their appointment; and further, that they strictly and regularly pay, or cause to be paid annually, to this Grand Chapter, all their lawful dues, by the hands of their High Priest, King and Scribe, or their Proxies, and it is hereby absolutely required of the said High Priest, King and Scribe, for the time being, that they attend regularly, either in person, or by their Proxies, at all

regular communications of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our Names, and affixed the Seal of the said Grand Chapter, and caused the same to be attested by the Grand Secretary, this fourteenth day of February, in the year of Masonry, Five thousand and eight hundred.

BENJAMIN HURD, JR.,
G. H. Priest.

JONATHAN GAGE,
[SEAL] *D. G. H. Priest.*

JAMES HARRISON,
G. King.

JOSHUA GREENLEAF,
G. Scribe.

WILLIAM WOART,
G. Secretary.

The present Charter bears the following endorsement:

"A true copy of the Charter of St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter. The original of which was destroyed by Fire at the burning of the Winthrop House, April 5, 1864.

"TH^{S} WATERMAN,
Secretary of the Grand
Chapter of Massachusetts."

SINGING.

"Autumn Song." Temple Quartette.

ADDRESS BY THE HIGH PRIEST.

Companions:

On this occasion we are reminded of the mighty influences that grow from small beginnings wisely directed. In 1797 there gathered in the hall of St. Andrew's Chapter seven Companions, three representing St. Andrew's, two Temple Chapter of Albany, N. Y., and two King Cyrus Chapter of Newburyport. These earnest and zealous Companions felt that the time had come for Chapter Masonry to extend and enlarge its sphere of usefulness, and as a result of that little gathering of faithful men sprang the influences which formed the General Grand Chapter of the United States, which now has more than 166,000 affiliates owing it allegiance, a vast and powerful body of tried Companions having

"One sole baptismal sign,
One Lord, below, above,
One faith, one hope divine,
One only watchword, — Love:
From different temples though it rise
One song ascendeth to the skies."

Only a few years ago one of our own loved members was at the head of this noble body, Most Excellent ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, whose name is known, and influence is felt wherever Chapter Masonry is known, and who has been called within the White Veil of the Sanctuary to receive the reward that awaits the faithful Peace to his memory!

To-day we welcome to our midst the present Most Excellent General Grand High Priest, whom many of us have long known as an earnest, efficient, and faithful worker wherever good Masonic work is needed. I have the great pleasure of introducing Most Excellent GEORGE L. MCCAHAN of Baltimore, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

RESPONSE BY THE GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Most Excellent High Priest and
Companions of St. Andrew's Chapter:

The present occasion — the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the formation of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons — is an exceptional one in the annals of Royal Arch Masonry of our country.

By the most reliable information obtainable we trace the founding of this branch of Masonry, or rather the beginning of its development and its segregation from the symbolic degrees, to the year 1740, and from documentary evidence we know that the organization of St. Andrew's Chapter on this, another continent, was effected but twenty-nine years later.

As age goes in our new country, St. Andrew's Chapter is a venerable organization, but whilst hoary in years, its vigor has been constantly on the increase, and through the wise management of its officers and the harmony and devotion of its membership, a measure of success has been achieved which is more than creditable to all

concerned, and rich in promise of continued prosperity. I tender you Most Excellent Sir, and through you, to the members of your Chapter, my hearty congratulations on the halo of glory which surrounds your Chapter and the well-deserved position of prominence and influence which it holds among the Royal Craft.

As the representative of the General Grand Chapter it is my peculiar pleasure to present to St. Andrew's Chapter — which is, I believe, the oldest subordinate Chapter of which the records are extant on the rolls of all the Grand Chapters of allegiance to the General Grand Chapter — the cordial greetings of the General Grand Body, and this I would do in such manner as to have them recognized as coming, not only from the General Grand Chapter in its concrete form, but also from the whole body of Royal Arch Masons of this great country, which constitute its constituency.

In St. Andrew's Chapter the General Grand Chapter recognizes one of the three Royal Arch Chapters which organized the Grand Chapter of the Northern States, which subsequently became the present General Grand Chapter of the

United States of America. In contemplating the present magnitude and influence of the General Grand Chapter, we are lost in wonder and admiration at the growth of the seed planted less than a century ago. From a mere trio of subordinate Chapters at its inception the General Grand Chapter now comprises forty-three State Grand Chapters, having a constituency of over 2,000 subordinate Chapters, with a membership of 166,000 true and loyal craftsmen, devoted to the cause of benevolence and the maintenance of the well-being of their fellow-men.

The principles upon which our Institution was founded are the same to-day as a century ago, and they will ever so remain, and our success, through their practice, is well assured so long as we are true to those time-honored principles and the precepts of our fathers.

As a contribution to the interest of this occasion, I have the pleasure of exhibiting to you the original paper authorizing the delegates from this Chapter to join in forming a Grand Chapter for the Northern States; it reads as follows:

"BOSTON.

"At a meeting of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter at Masons Hall, Oct'r 23'd 1797,

Voted,

"That the Most Excellent Benjamin Hurd Jun'r, Ex. John Soley Jun'r, and Wm. Woart be and they and either of them hereby are appointed a Committee to confer with any Committee or Committees from Chapters of Royal Arch Masonry, and on the part of this Chapter to adopt such measures in conjunction with the other Committees, as to them or a major part of them, shall seem meet for the Establishment of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the Northern States.

"Extract from the Records,

Attest, WM. WOART, Sec'y."

[SEAL]

Most Excellent Sir, I beg to thank you for your cordial welcome, as also the generous courtesies which have been extended me, as the representative of the General Grand Chapter of which St. Andrew's Chapter is so distinguished and valued a member, through the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

To the Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts, and notably to a number of the members of St.

Andrew's Chapter, I am pleased to say that I am not a stranger. With your lamented Companion Chapman, I was on terms of the closest intimacy many of the latter years of his life, and it is a constant delight to recall the many recurring seasons of pleasurable association with Companion Chapman, yourself, Most Excellent Sir, Companions ALBERT L. RICHARDSON, JOHN DEAN, GEORGE S. NOYES, A. K. BRYER, J. H. LAKIN and others, first begun on the occasion of the Triennial of 1874. These will ever be held among my dearest memories and to them and all the members of St. Andrew's Chapter, I bid God speed and the enjoyment, always, of the well deserved favor of the great I AM.

REMARKS BY THE HIGH PRIEST.

Companions:

When the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts was formed the first Grand High Priest elected was BENJAMIN HURD, Jr., a member of St. Andrew's Chapter.

Thirty-nine Companions in all have filled that

exalted station from the formation of the Grand Chapter in 1798, to the present time.

They have been men of high character, who have given valuable time and long service in the cause of Masonry, men of whom we are justly proud because of the record they have made.

The present incumbent of that honorable position is well known to most of those who are here to-day as a wise and accomplished Mason, a zealous and capable worker for many years in the ranks of the Capitular Craft.

I have known him as a valued personal friend for twenty-five years.

It is therefore with great pleasure that I introduce as the worthy and honored successor of a long line of brilliant and capable Companions, Most Excellent J. GILMAN WAITE, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

RESPONSE BY THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Most Excellent High Priest
of St. Andrew's Chapter:

In the name of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, I give you sincere thanks for the hearty welcome and greeting you have accorded me on this historic occasion.

I deeply appreciate the privilege tendered me by your courtesy, of participating in the celebration of the anniversary that marks so important a period in the history of a body which has been characterized by one of my predecessors as "the first Chapter organized in this State, or in the United States."

The observance, by our people, of certain festival days, has become a time-honored and beautiful custom.

In keeping with that sentiment, you have assembled your Chapter, to-day, to commemorate the event which marks its organization as a distinct body; to do honor to the memory of those worthy Companions who laid its foundations so strong and so broad; to note the

lapse of time with ceremonies befitting the occasion.

The history of your Chapter, for a century and a quarter, is the history of the rise and growth of an Order in whose ranks have been found men of the highest attainments in every walk of life. The small gathering of Companions, who were wont to assemble in "Mason's Hall," has increased, until to-day the teachings of Capitular Masonry are diffused through the length and breadth of our fair land.

The active part taken by the founders of your Chapter in the formation of both this Grand Chapter and the General Grand Chapter of the United States is worthy of note, but the stability with which they sustained those bodies during the years that preceded 1845–46 is worthy of all praise.

When this Grand Chapter had been reduced from twenty-three to five subordinates by the unhappy schism that rent the country in those years, the Chapter of St. Andrew was ever found among the faithful. *Incense has never ceased to burn upon its altar.*

That the men, whose names appear on

your roll of honor, were men of mark, is attested in many ways, but in none more conspicuously, perhaps, than by the Symbolic Lodges in this jurisdiction perpetuating their cherished and honored names.

Companions, you are heirs to a proud heritage. With an unbroken history, much that is of incalculable interest to the Craft is in your keeping. May the illustrious examples of the founders of your Chapter encourage and animate you. May their noble deeds in the hour of trial stimulate you to the faithful performance of every duty in your hour of prosperity.

REMARKS BY THE HIGH PRIEST.

Companions:

The Chapter was not meant to supersede the Lodge, but rather to supplement it.

In the early time, before Grand Chapters were formed, St. Andrew's Chapter worked under sanction of the Warrant of the Lodge of St. Andrew.

Then, and ever since that time, its members have been ardent supporters of the Lodge, believing it to be the very foundation and corner-stone of all Freemasonry of every name and degree.

It is not necessary at the present time to attempt to give even a list of the earlier members of this Chapter who were foremost in every good work of the Lodge and Chapter, as well as in the community at large. Many of the names readily suggest themselves to those at all familiar with Masonic history.

It may be mentioned as showing that our members are still as firm and ardent supporters of the Lodge as were those of olden time, that the last three brethren who have been honored by an election as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, have been members of this Chapter.

I had expected to introduce to you at this time one of our members, who for years has held an office of trust and responsibility in this Chapter, Companion Otis E. Weld, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts. A sudden illness has prevented his attendance to-day. I will therefore introduce as

the official representative of the Grand Lodge, Right Worshipful CHARLES S. ROBERTSON, Junior Grand Warden, who I am pleased to say is also a worthy member of St. Andrew's Chapter.

RESPONSE.

R.·. W.·. CHARLES S. ROBERTSON said that until his arrival at the Temple he had supposed that the Most Worshipful Grand Master was to be present and respond. He was therefore unprepared with any formal address, but congratulated the Chapter on its great prosperity and the reputation it had attained among the Chapters of the land. In closing, he wished all possible success for officers and members in maintaining the high standard already attained.

RESPONSE OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master sent his regrets that sudden illness had prevented his attendance, and also forwarded the response he intended making to the introduction of the High Priest :

Most Excellent High Priest:

I assure you that I most heartily appreciate the words of welcome with which you have been pleased to greet me and the officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge who have accompanied me for the purpose of participating with you in the celebration of this interesting anniversary.

The relations between St. Andrew's Chapter and the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts have always been of the most friendly and cordial nature.

In point of fact the Chapter antedates the Grand Lodge, as at present constituted, by nearly twenty-five years. The Chapter had its birth almost simultaneously with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ancients which was organized by Joseph Warren as Grand Master on the 27th of December, 1769.

After his death, in March, 1777, it was re-organized, as the first independent Grand Lodge in America, under the title of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, and fifteen years later, in March, 1792, occurred its happy union with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Moderns, thus

establishing the present Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, now just entered upon its second century of existence.

It was my good fortune to be a member of the Chapter and a participant in the celebration of its centennial, when these facts in the history of the two Bodies were so fully and clearly presented by the learned orator of the occasion, Grand Master GARDNER.

I was a young Mason then, and nothing was further from my thoughts than that a quarter of a century would find me occupying the post of Grand Master, which he was then so adorning.

Even on this joyous occasion, we can hardly repress a feeling of sadness when we remember that the Orator and High Priest of that day have passed on to the undiscovered country, and of the eight members of the Committee of Arrangements only two are still with us.

But, Most Excellent, these anniversaries remind us that men may die, but the Institution still lives.

Chapter and Grand Lodge are still flourishing in their green old age, and we rejoice with you that it is our privilege to once more listen to

your orator as he again rehearses the good deeds of the fathers and bids the sons "God Speed" as they enter upon another quarter of a century of useful and honorable history for St. Andrew's Chapter.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ORATOR.

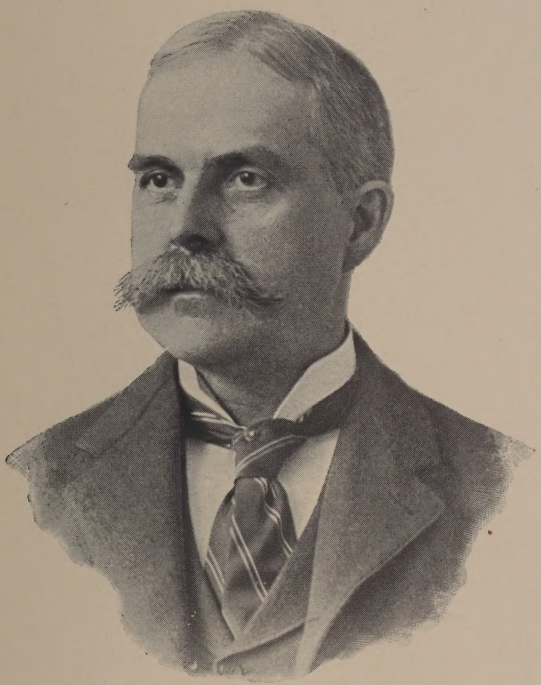
Companions:

I am sure that to most of you the Secretary of St. Andrew's Chapter needs no introduction. I present him to you as the Right Excellent District Deputy Grand High Priest of the First Capitular District. He is a Companion who has long taken a deep interest in everything pertaining to Masonic history, and it will be a pleasure to listen to the result of his studies regarding St. Andrew's Chapter. I now introduce R.·. E.·. WARREN B. ELLIS.

HISTORICAL ADDRESS.

Excellent High Priest and Companions:

We are assembled to-day to celebrate the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of St. Andrew's Chapter. It is an occasion for joy and gratitude to the Supreme Being that our Chapter has been preserved so many years, and that within her body Masons have so long met in social and fraternal intercourse. The importance of this occasion must be estimated by the value of what we celebrate. The survival of an institution for one hundred and twenty-five years is certainly an evidence of its strength and an argument of weight in estimating its worth. It shows that the institution is founded on principles adapted to the wants of men in every time and under various conditions. It shows that its measures have been adopted in wisdom and consummated with justice, but



Warren B. Ellis.

when in addition to this we test its principles by the standards of charity and morality, and studying the lives of those most prominent in its history, find that its principles and representatives are alike worthy our praise, we have still stronger cause to rejoice that we are privileged to participate in the benefits of its present usefulness, and in the glory of its past achievements. But interest in the present occasion is not confined alone to the members of this Chapter. Its birth followed so soon after the advent of the Royal Arch Degree, that almost the whole growth of Capitular Masonry is found within the period of its existence. No one, therefore, who would study the history of the Chapter Degrees, or trace their development from the birth of the Royal Arch to the perfected American system of to-day, can fail to be interested in the record of this old Chapter.

Many conflicting opinions have existed regarding the origin of the Royal Arch Degree, not so much as to the date when the Degree first appeared, as to the particulars of its invention. It is the opinion of those who have

investigated the subject most carefully, that the Degree was first known in England about the year 1740. Bro. William J. Hughan says, "The oldest minutes of Royal Arch Masonry preserved are of the year 1762[1] (at York); but the Degree is mentioned in the 'Atholl' Records of March 4, 1752, and it is particularly alluded to in a printed work of 1744."[2] The printed work referred to was Dr. Dassigny's "Serious and Impartial Enquiry." This book clearly shows that the Royal Arch Degree was known a "few years" before 1744. Brother Hughan says the Degree was worked in Dublin about 1740,[3] and was practised in Scotland as early as 1755.[4] The Degree was known early in this country. The records of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, of Fredericksburg, Virginia, show that the Degree was worked in that Lodge December

[1] Since this address was written, the writer has seen "English Royal Arch Masonry, 1744–65," by William James Hughan, P. G. D., in which he expresses a later opinion in the following words, "For the earliest known minute of the Degree being actually conferred, we have to go to Fredericksburg, Virginia, in which Lodge that ceremony was worked on December 22, 1753."

[2] Origin of the English Rite, p. 47.

[3] *Loc. cit.*, p. 60.

[4] *Loc. cit.*, p. 83.

22, 1753.[1] The Brother who presided on that occasion was a visitor, the candidates being the Master, Junior Warden and Secretary of the Lodge. There is no evidence that the Degree was again worked, or that it was ever contemplated as a permanent addition to their regular work. There was also a Lodge in Halifax, Nova Scotia, chartered by the "Atholl" Grand Lodge in 1757,[2] which probably worked the Degree, although we are not certain of the fact. In 1758, the same Grand Lodge issued a warrant for Royal Arch Lodge No. 3, in Philadelphia, Penn.[3] This body is still in existence and now known as Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3. It has been claimed by many writers on the subject that the Royal Arch was originally a part of the Third Degree, eminent writers like Dr. Oliver[4] and Dr. Mackey[5] having advocated this opinion; and although this view may seem

[1] Historical Sketch of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, by S. J. Quinn, Past Master.

[2] Origin of the English Rite, p. 70.

[3] 125th Anniversary of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, p. 12.

[4] Historical Landmarks, p. 470.

[5] Encyclopedia, p. 668.

plausible, the facts do not support it. The Royal Arch was undoubtedly a new degree constructed for the purpose of completing the Third Degree. There is much difficulty in deciding who invented the Degree, and it is probable that we shall never know its author, although it is not difficult to disprove the claims of several candidates for that honor.

Previous to the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717, there was but one degree known, which must have been of the simplest character. Mackey says, "The division of the Masonic system into three degrees must have grown up between 1717 and 1730, but in so gradual and imperceptible a manner that we are unable to fix the precise date of the introduction of each degree."[1]

The increased value of the institution resulting from "the division of the Masonic system into three degrees" must have been the stimulus that led to the invention of other degrees, for there seems at once to have been a general desire to continue the work. The greatest

[1] Encyclopedia, p. 211.

activity in this direction was manifested in France, where degrees almost without number were soon invented. It is the opinion of Bro. R. F. Gould, that the Royal Arch has its inception in the "Scots" degrees, which sprang up in all parts of that country about 1740.[1]

The most common fallacy connected with the history of this Degree, is that it was invented by Lawrence Dermott, the leading spirit of the "Atholl" or "Ancient" Grand Lodge, for the purpose of promoting the prosperity of that body. The error of this belief is readily shown by the fact that the Degree was worked both in London and Dublin "six years prior to Dermott's exaltation, and ten or more years before the 'Atholl' Grand Lodge was started."[2] There is no doubt, however, that Dermott made good use of the Degree, and through its use added largely to the prosperity of the Grand Lodge, to whose interests he was most ardently devoted.

Without further delay we will now enter

[1] History of Freemasonry, vol. iv, p. 457.

[2] Origin of the English Rite, p. 60.

upon the consideration of some of the incidents of our Chapter's history. At best we shall catch but a glimpse of the scenes through which it has passed; we can, however, congratulate ourselves that the records of all these years, reaching back almost to the birth of the Royal Arch Degree, are still in our hands, and with God's blessing they will be safely transmitted to our successors for centuries to come.

The conditions prevailing in Boston in 1769, would not seem to favor the establishment of any new Masonic enterprise. The citizens were at that time living in a state of suspense and anxiety regarding their rights. The Governor of the Province by his zeal in supporting the obnoxious measures of the King had aroused their dislike and in some cases their active opposition. At his suggestion there were then quartered in Boston several regiments of British soldiers, whose presence was exceedingly disagreeable to a majority of the people, while vessels of war floated in the harbor with guns loaded for any emergency. The arrival of the troops in the fall of 1768 had encouraged the Governor in

the enforcement of objectionable laws. The presence of the soldiers also had some effect on those who opposed him, causing those who were timid to conceal their principles, or perhaps to renounce them altogether. This was true of but few, for the men who had so recently prevented the enforcement of the Stamp Act, could not be deterred from the expression of their opinions, or the performance of their duty by the presence of soldiers. They were not without courage to maintain their principles, or hope of seeing them prevail.

The constant care with which the citizens watched the interests of the community may perhaps explain the slow growth, and the brief records which characterize the history of our Chapter for several years of its earliest existence.

To illustrate how closely the beginning of this Chapter was associated with important events then transpiring, we observe, on the 11th of August, 1769, the merchants held a meeting at Faneuil Hall, to consider what was proper to be done to carry out their

non-importation agreement. The following day is the date which makes the beginning of our first record. Two days later, on the 14th, was an elaborate celebration and banquet by the Sons of Liberty, at which colors were flying, music played and cannon fired. In four days more, on the 18th of August, was held the first meeting of our Chapter of which we have a full record, and which will be referred to later.

The records of St. Andrew's Chapter throw no light on the circumstances of its organization, and give no information of the source from which the first knowledge of the degrees was derived. From other sources, however, something concerning both of these subjects may be learned. For a number of years after the Royal Arch Lodge was formed, it was substantially the Lodge of St. Andrew, almost its entire membership coming from that body. The Lodge of St. Andrew was, in fact, the creator of the Royal Arch Lodge in Boston. That Lodge had for some time been desirous of adding to their ritual the Royal Arch, and in October, 1762, had made

application to Scotland for leave to confer that Degree.

It is probable that little knowledge of the Royal Arch Degree existed among the brethren until after the arrival of the British regiments in the fall of 1768. In some of these regiments there were Army Lodges working under the "Ancient" system, of which the Royal Arch was a legitimate part. These Army Lodges brought to the brethren in Boston that knowledge of the Royal Arch Degree which made possible the establishment of this Royal Arch Chapter. We can best understand the influences that led to the organization of the Royal Arch Lodge in Boston, by looking at some of the events which preceded it, especially in the history of the Lodge of St. Andrew, and of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, for by the creation of the latter body the influence and dignity of St. Andrew's Lodge was assured, and its members encouraged to undertake the erection of the Royal Arch Chapter.

Owing to causes which it is not necessary for us to consider at this time, there were

dissensions in the Grand Lodge of England that had been established in 1717, so that at some time about 1738, a revolt of some of its members resulted in the establishment of a rival Grand Lodge, which assumed the name of Ancient Masons, and gave to the members of the original Grand Lodge the title of Modern Masons. These dissensions spread to Scotland, Ireland, and to the Colonies of Great Britain, and before 1756, had reached this Province.

Previous to this time the original Grand Lodge of England had commissioned Henry Price, Grand Master of Masons in North America, and under his authority Lodges were chartered in Massachusetts. It is said that "some persons who had applied to the regular Lodges in Boston, and who had been rejected, obtained their Degrees in the Lodges of Ancient Masons attached to the royal regiments stationed here."[1] They, with other Ancient Masons who were unable to gain admittance to the regular Lodges as members or visitors, and being desirous of

[1] Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, 1869, p. 159.

enjoying the benefits of Masonic association, determined to obtain this result by the establishment of a new Lodge. These brethren accordingly petitioned the Grand Lodge of Scotland for a charter. Their request was granted, and November 13, 1756, the Lodge of Saint Andrew was chartered. The Lodge thus created made every possible effort to establish friendly relations with the Lodges already existing, but its good intentions were not reciprocated. Seeing no prospect of recognition, or of friendly relations with the Grand Lodge, its members were glad to take advantage of an opportunity to establish a new Grand Lodge under the Ancient system, which opportunity was afforded by the presence of several British regiments in which Army Lodges were working. These Lodges were as follows: in the Fourteenth Regiment was Lodge No. 58, Registry of England; in the Twenty-ninth was Lodge No. 322, Registry of Ireland; and in the Sixty-fourth was Lodge No. 106, Registry of Scotland, all of which, according to Grand Master Gardner, worked under the Ancient system.

The presence of such a large military force in Boston created a great excitement among the citizens. "Notwithstanding the strong feeling in the community, the members of St. Andrew's saw the opportunity before them of forming a Grand Lodge under the authority of the Grand Master of Scotland."[1] This opportunity they embraced, and with the co-operation of the Army Lodges, a petition was prepared and sent to Scotland. The result of this petition was the appointment of Joseph Warren, Grand Master of Masons in Boston, New England, and within one hundred miles of the same. His commission was in due time received and he was installed Grand Master, December 27, 1769.

The Senior and Junior Wardens of this Grand Lodge were both members of Army Lodge No. 322. The circumstances attending the establishment of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge illustrate the beneficent character of the Masonic institution: here were assembled with the members of St. Andrew's Lodge in fraternal and social intercourse, the members of military bodies whose

[1] Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, 1869, p. 163.

presence in every other light was objectionable. They represented a power that was encroaching on the freedom of the people and which soon after would reach a crisis of resistance and retaliation. Until that time came they were able to work harmoniously in support of an institution whose mission is to teach charity and good-will to all.

The presence of the Army Lodges, which made possible the establishment of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, was of equal value in forming St. Andrew's Chapter. The desire to confer the Royal Arch Degree in St. Andrew's Lodge has been already mentioned, but it is doubtful if there were among its members a sufficient number qualified to perform this work successfully. It is not improbable that before this time, there were some Masons in Boston familiar with the secrets of the Royal Arch, either by intercourse with foreign soldiers, or by travel in other parts.

We know that the Lodge located in Philadelphia, and afterwards known as Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, had in its possession, in 1767, furniture suitable for conferring the Royal

Arch; but whether or not our members derived any of their knowledge from that body is unknown, neither does its historian mention when this Degree was first worked in Jerusalem Chapter. It must, however, have been as early as 1767.

There seems little doubt that the source of our knowledge of Royal Arch Masonry was derived wholly from the Army Lodges located in Boston in 1769. The assistance of these foreign brethren is shown at our meeting August 18, 1769. At this meeting the Master and Senior Warden were both soldiers of the Twenty-ninth regiment, and both officers in Army Lodge No. 322. The names of those present at this meeting were:

James Brown, Master.
Charles Chambers, Senior Warden.
Winthrop Gray, Junior Warden.
Stephen Bruce, Secretary.
John Symmes.
William McKane.
John Worddington.
Henry Glen.
William McMullen.
Joshua Loring.

Winthrop Gray, Stephen Bruce, John Symmes and Joshua Loring were members of the Lodge of St. Andrew. James Brown, the Master, was Senior Warden, and Charles Chambers, the Senior Warden, was Master of Army Lodge No. 322, and William McMullen, a member, was Junior Warden of the same Army Lodge. Of the three others present, John Worddington was undoubtedly a member of one of the Army Lodges, as his name disappears at the time the soldiers were withdrawn from Boston. The other two brethren may have been members of the Lodge of St. Andrew, but this cannot be determined now, as the list of members of that body is incomplete.

At the next meeting, held August 28th, William Davis, a Past Master of Army Lodge No. 58, received the four steps of Excellent, Super-Excellent, Royal Arch and Knight Templar. This record is important, as it gives us the names of the degrees as then known, and the order in which they were worked; it is also interesting for another reason, as it is said to be "the earliest known reference in the world, to the Degree of a Masonic Knight

Templar."[1] The two records which precede this — that of August 12th, which can only be called the beginning of a record, and that of August 18th, which is complete — are on a loose sheet of paper, as was also that of October 31, 1771. These are now attached in their proper places to our first book of records. It was undoubtedly the habit of our first Secretaries to record the doings of the meetings on detached sheets and afterwards copy them into the record book. In doing this work, all meetings previous to August 28, 1769, were omitted. This date was for many years considered the beginning of our Chapter. The fortunate finding of these loose sheets carries us back to August 12, 1769, and suggests the thought that perhaps the real date of our commencement is still further back.

Beside the entry of August 12, 1769, we have in this year the record, more or less complete, of six other meetings. The most important business recorded was "the acceptance from the committee" of the "Rules, Orders and Reg-

[1] Hughan's Origin of the English Rite, p. 103.

ulations to be observed by the brethren of the Royal Arch Lodge now held in Boston, New England."

December 29th it was voted, "that there be a committee of five to consider what the utensils proper for the use of a Royal Arch Lodge will cost, and report the next lodge night." It is a curious fact that the chairman of this committee was a brother who had been made a Royal Arch Mason the same evening. During 1769, nine brethren were initiated, two of whom were Joseph Webb and Paul Revere. From January 9, 1770, to March 26, 1773, only five were initiated; one of these was Grand Master Joseph Warren.

James Brown, Master of the Lodge, was present at every meeting up to and including February 13, 1770; he was not present March 13th, for between this meeting and the one previous to it, events had occurred which made it impossible even in the Lodge room, to maintain relations of intimacy with a British soldier.

Before this time, the relation existing between the soldiers and the citizens had become one of almost constant vexation. Quarrels and assaults succeeded each other with increasing frequency,

reaching their climax in the memorable massacre of March 5th. The result of this encounter was a determination by the citizens that the troops should be immediately withdrawn from the town. This request, the Lieutenant-Governor, then in charge, did not dare to refuse. One of the regiments withdrawn at that time was the twenty-ninth; in this regiment was Captain Preston's company, which had fired on the people in the conflict of March 5th; in this regiment was also Army Lodge No. 322, of which James Brown, our first Master, was a member. The departure of this regiment closes his connection with the Royal Arch Lodge of Boston.

The departure of the Army Lodges suggested a question of the right of the Royal Arch Lodge to continue its meetings, for it is recorded June 21, 1770, "The Most Worshipfull Brother Warren, G. M., present, he gave his opinion for holding the Royal Arch Lodge, till instruction from Scotland or otherwise as he shall think fitt, & if instructed from thence, he will then grant a charter therefor." Until they could hear from Scotland, Grand Master Warren was

the highest authority to which they could look for approval of their proceedings.

A new and enlarged code of by-laws was adopted October 8, 1770, and signed by fourteen members. In this code the regular meetings were changed from the second Tuesday of the month to the last Thursday, and the annual meeting for the election of officers was fixed on the twenty-first of October.

The records of the meetings at this time are very brief, many of them simply giving the names of those present.

July 25, 1771, it was voted "that there be a committee chosen to write home to England to Brother De Mott." We have no knowledge of the purpose of this letter, but as it was also voted "that Brother Warren be warned of the vote," we may suppose that it referred to some plan for securing a Charter.

In 1772, there is a record of but two meetings, and in 1773, the same number. The only business recorded was the raising of money to pay the Lodge debts. These were discouraging times for Masonry. The affairs of the Province were now so unsettled that

little else could be thought of. The destruction of tea in Boston harbor, December 16, 1773, had shown the spirit of the people; it had also called upon them the vengeance of the king. Their harbor was now closed, the privilege of shipping and receiving goods was taken from them, the seat of government was removed to Salem and the port to Marblehead. Town meetings were abolished; officers were now appointed by the king that were before chosen by the people, and Boston was again occupied by a large military force, while the battle of Lexington and the siege of Boston commenced that series of important events, in which some of our own members were prominent actors, that prevented opportunity for Masonic work, and leave our records blank for sixteen weary years.

When our records were resumed on March 20, 1789, peace had been established more than five years. Of the four officers present on that occasion, all but John Trask, the Secretary, were members when the Lodge ceased to work in 1773. At this meeting three brothers were made Arch Masons; at the

next meeting, April 1st, two more were admitted to the same honor. At the latter meeting began a practice which continued for several years, of adding a cipher to the titles of the officers; this will again be referred to.

The meetings of March 20 and April 1, 1789, seem to have been preliminary to a formal reorganization of the Royal Arch Lodge, which occurred April 7th, for at this meeting it was "voted to form ourselves into a Royal Arch Lodge and to choose proper officers." After the choice of officers a committee was appointed to procure furniture proper for a Royal Arch Lodge; it was also "voted that the by-laws read this evening be accepted and recorded." This code was substantially that of 1770, with the addition of a section limiting the number of members to twenty-five.

At the meeting May 28, 1789, Elisha Sigourney "received the Degrees to a Knight Templar Mason." This is the first time the term Knight Templar is used in the records after August 28, 1769. It shows that the same system of degrees then prevailed as that under which the Lodge was established.

At this meeting is also the first instance of the election of a brother to membership who had previously been accepted as a candidate for the Degrees. Under the earlier by-laws all who were initiated became members. The social customs of the times are indicated by the entries which now follow in nearly all the records, of the expense of the house. This expense was paid by the members present, — what it was may be illustrated by a single example, when the expense was 5*s.* for punch; 2 lbs. candles, 1*s.* 4*d.*; and Tyler 3*s.* 4*d.*

During this year the Lodge was presented with two elegant brass candlesticks by one brother, and with four brass candlesticks by another brother, while Capt. Samuel Sloane, whose name does not appear in the list of members, gave to the Lodge a sword. Each of these donors received special votes of thanks.

Another illustration of the custom of the time is shown in the record of September 24th, when the Secretary was instructed to purchase two tickets in the Charlestown Lottery for the benefit of the Lodge.

The Royal Arch Lodge at the end of 1789, had reached a condition of assured success. During the year, eleven brethren had been admitted to its secrets, one of whom, Benjamin Hurd, Jr., was destined to exert a strong influence in support of the institution.

From this point we will consider the history of the Lodge in periods of various lengths according to the facts to be presented. This plan will allow of a more rapid investigation, and give a clearer view of the growth of the body.

The decade from 1790 to 1800, was a period of extraordinary interest to the Royal Arch Lodge. It was a period of development and growth. During these years the Lodge grew into the Chapter, and the Degrees through a gradual change developed into the system existing to-day. This period also saw the establishment of the Grand and General Grand Chapters, an enterprise in which St. Andrew's Chapter took an active and leading part.

This Lodge was first called Chapter in the records, July 26, 1792, but the name was not in general use until January 30, 1794. It was not called St. Andrew's Chapter until May 11, 1797,

nor was this name in common use until November 15th, of the same year.

Appreciating the value of the institution, and the growth of its influence in the community, we find the body on various occasions adopting measures calculated to sustain its dignity with the brethren. Among these was the vote of October 21, 1790, authorizing a committee to "procure a plate for the summonses to be stamped on." This plate was in use as recently as the publication of Companion Chapman's History of the Chapter in 1883. In this connection it is interesting to note, that the emblems on this plate refer to the Knights Templars' Degree as distinctly as to the Royal Arch. They also show that the Templars' Degree was essentially the same as worked at the present day.[1]

[1] "The plate measures 10 by 6½ inches; on either side is a column, the one on the right being surmounted by a King, and that on the left by a Scribe. Springing from behind these columns is a flight of Seven Steps leading to a Vault illuminated by the Sun near the top; on the vault are a Scythe, Pick, Spade and Coffin; over, or beyond these is a Triangle surrounded by twelve burning tapers; resting on the apex of the Triangle is a Cross with a serpent entwined, above is the All-Seeing Eye, and the Paschal Lamb. Resting upon the

We notice again, August 25, 1791, a committee was "impowered to lay before the Lodge a form of a certificate that may be given to any Br. that may apply." There is an excellent copy of this certificate in the possession of this Chapter and now attached to the record of the meeting at which it was accepted. This certificate

abutments beside the steps, on the right, is an Altar of Incense, on the left, a Bee-hive, and from the same base rises an Arch, with a Keystone, standing on which is the High Priest. Other emblems, familiar to Knights Templars and Royal Arch Masons, are conspicuous. Over all is a scroll or ribbon, in blank, except the word 'Candidates.' At the bottom, flanked by the bases of the two columns, is the notice, with blank spaces, to be filled as occasion may dictate:

"*Companion:*

——*day evening Royal Arch Chapt*r *meets, at Mason's Hall. You being a member are desired to give your punctual attendance at o'clock. By order of the H. P.*

Yours affectionately, Sec'ry.

"Under the column at the right, are the words, *B. Hurd, jun. del.*, and under that at the left, the words, *J. Seymour, Sculp.*

"This is the oldest plate with the unmistakable Templar emblems upon it of any we know of in America. The Triangle, tapers and emblems of mortality, are arranged precisely, as may be seen by any person who has the right to be admitted into an Asylum of Knights Templars at the present time, and illustrates, to this extent, the manner in which the order of Knight Templar was conferred in Boston at and before the period of its being engraved."—*Sketches from the Records of St. Andrew's Chapter, by A. F. Chapman.*

is in the handwriting of William Harris, who was not a member at the time it was adopted, he being admitted October 24, 1793, and "was made gratis upon the principle of his serving as Secretary." The Orator in his address at the Centennial of this Chapter, says: "From the use of the words Chapter, High Priest, Scribe and Companion, in this certificate, words not then in common use upon the records, it is evident that Companion Harris, after he became Secretary, transcribed this certificate and made it agree with the names and titles then existing." The quotation by Companion Gardner is not strictly correct, as the word Companion does not appear in the certificate, and his inference that the titles named were not in common use cannot be supported by the facts, for the cipher[1] before mentioned,

[1] The cipher was first used April 1, 1789. A portion of the record of May 26, 1791, is here given, — in this as in many others, the title of the Secretary is given in full:

"Present Most Worshipful Br.
William McKean, R. W. M. & ⊓ ⊏̇
Jno. Jenkins, S. W. & ⊏ ⌋̇
Benj. Hurd, Jur., J. W. & ⌜̇ ⌋̇
Sam. Moore, Sec'y & ⌜̇ ∟ ⌂̇ ⌜ ⊔ □"

which follows the names of the officers in the records for more than two years before this certificate was issued, shows that the titles of High Priest, First and Second Kings and Scribe, were well known, while the word Chapter appearing in the records within one year after that date, makes it easy for us to believe that it was not uncommon when the certificate was prepared.

Among the most important occurrences of this period were the changes made in the Degrees. These changes were gradual, — from what source came the first impulse in this direction is unknown. The steps of Excellent, Super-Excellent, Royal Arch and Knight Templar were the Degrees then given, as they had been since the establishment of the body. Whatever ceremony attended their presentation must have been brief, as it was the usual custom to give all the Degrees in one evening.

These four Degrees constituted the system until the end of 1794, when the Knight Templar's Degree is last mentioned, and this date undoubtedly marks the beginning of Boston Commandery as an organization distinct from the

Chapter. Changes in the Degrees had begun to appear as early as the latter part of 1792, when the Mark Degree is first mentioned. No name of candidates receiving the Mark is given until July 25, 1793. It was at first a side degree and given to those who had already received the four steps constituting the system then in use. By vote, November 28, 1793, the degree of Mark Master Mason was connected with the other degrees at the additional expense of twelve shillings.

The By-laws adopted in 1794 further provided that "The Step of a Mark Master Mason may be given to a Past Master provided he obtain a unanimous vote of the members present." A book in which the members could record their marks was authorized in 1793. This book is still in the possession of the Chapter. The first changes in the Degrees were apparently experimental, — this is shown by the varying order in which they are given at different times.

In February, 1796, two candidates received the Degrees of Super Excellent and Mark Master Mason, in the order mentioned. At the

next meeting three candidates, "past the chair and received the Degrees of Super Excellent and Mark Master Masons," the Royal Arch following at a subsequent meeting. It was known by the Boston Companions that the Chapter at Newburyport conferred the Royal Arch Degree with different ceremonies from their own. Whether or not the Newburyport manner of work was superior, was a subject for investigation. Each Chapter appointed a committee to confer, and each exhibited to the other its manner of work. As a result of this conference, our Chapter adopted the use of veils and made some additions to the lecture relating particularly to the key and word, although the plate authorized October 21, 1790, proves that our Chapter was accustomed to the use of a key in its work, probably before the Chapter at Newburyport was established. These changes, introduced at this time, added very much to the interest of the Degree and prepared the way for others, still more important, that were to come from another source.

There were at this time in Albany two members of Temple Chapter, Thomas Smith

Webb and John Hammer, whose interest in the Capitular Rite, and whose labor in developing and extending a knowledge of the Degrees, was already making their names prominent in the fraternity. These Companions were in Boston in October, 1797. They were here, probably, for two purposes — to introduce their mode of work, and to lend their aid in forming a union of the Chapters, — a result which all at that time must have seen was necessary to the stability and usefulness of the institution, and which this Chapter was especially interested to accomplish. One of these Companions, Thomas Smith Webb, had visited our Chapter in August, in company with two Companions from Newburyport, on the occasion of the initiation of Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris.

At the meeting October 20, 1797, Companions Webb and Hammer were undoubtedly present at the request of, or by arrangement with this Chapter, as they were requested to preside. They accordingly "opened upon the Master Mark Mason's Degree, after their manner, and conferred the same on M. E. Benj. Hurd, Jr., and communicated a lesson belonging

to the Degree to the brethren." Four days later, at an adjourned meeting, they were again present and again requested to preside, when they "opened upon the Most Excellent Master's Degree and conferred the same, after their manner, on Companions Jonathan Gage and Joshua Greenleaf, of Newburyport Chapter." The record concludes, "Opened on ye 7th and a lesson was communicated by Companions Webb and Hammer."

From this date we may reckon the establishment of the American system of Chapter Degrees in St. Andrew's Chapter, a system different from that practised in other countries, but which in our own has been productive of wonderful results.

The first Degree of this system, the Mark, is founded on a custom which has prevailed in nearly all the trades for an unknown period, but the Degree itself, according to Bro. R. F. Gould, cannot be traced farther back than 1774 in England, and 1778[1] in Scotland. Brother Hughan, in a work printed during the present

[1] History of Freemasonry, vol. v, p. 21.

year, gives us a new fact concerning this Degree, he says "that in the first Minute of the Chapter at Portsmouth, (England,) September 1, 1769, discovered and printed by Bro. Howell, is the earliest known record of Mark Masonry in the world."[1] In this country it was conferred in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1784, in Hiram Chapter, No. 1; in Newtown, Conn., in 1791, and in Providence Royal Arch Chapter, in Providence, R. I., October 5, 1793.[2]

The origin of the Past Master's Degree is easily suggested by the Degree itself. It must have come into use soon after the appearance of the Royal Arch. Brother Hughan gives the date of November 30, 1769, as the first record of brethren "Passing the Chair" in order to qualify them for the Royal Arch Degree. It was first mentioned in the records of this Chapter March 16, 1796.

The Degree which distinctly characterizes our American System is that of Most Excellent Master. It has been widely discussed

[1] History of Phœnix Lodge and Chapter of Friendship, p. 204.
[2] History of Freemasonry and Concordant Orders, p. 597.

and a great deal that is incorrect said about its origin, many persons believing, without reason, that it was wholly the production of Thomas Smith Webb, who no doubt made a considerable alteration, and perhaps improvement in its ritual; but this Degree was known and worked in Providence Chapter nearly three years before Companion Webb had received the Royal Arch Degree, and was "familiar to Washington Chapter (of New York) in the earliest months of 1791,"[1] showing most conclusively that it could not have been invented by Companion Webb. "The origin of the Degree," says Most Excellent Companion Chapman, "is obscure, but suggests that it may have been developed from the Super Excellent Degree of one hundred and twenty-five years ago."

We have already given some account of the Royal Arch Degree. Outside of the Army Lodges we have no knowledge of its being worked in this country as a regular part of any system of Lodge degrees before

[1] History of Freemasonry and Concordant Orders, p. 601.

it was worked in the Royal Arch Lodge, No. 3, in Philadelphia in 1767, and next in our own body in 1769. The single instance in which it was worked in Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, of Fredericksburg, Virginia, is interesting as showing the early date at which a knowledge of the Degree had reached this country.

To receive this Degree now, under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, the candidate must have first received the three preliminary Chapter Degrees. This requirement has sometimes been unfavorably criticised; but when we reflect upon the great success which has attended Capitular Masonry in this country, we may feel assured that our system is justified by its results; while our provisions for the gratuitous conferring of the preliminary Degrees upon visiting foreign Companions, removes all just cause for their criticism.

But the most important event occurring in this period of our Chapter's history, and that which has done the most to promote the growth and usefulness of this branch of Masonry, was the establishment of the Grand

and General Grand Chapters. This result was very largely the work of St. Andrew's Chapter, whose members had long felt the necessity of some supreme authority which should confirm their own right of existence, as well as to provide for the legitimate growth of the Order.

When at first the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge, with three or four members of the Army Lodges, assembled in Boston as Royal Arch Masons, it is not probable that any doubt of their right to meet in this capacity had entered their minds, for by this action they were seeking to promote the honor of Masonry, and add to their own happiness through a new channel of usefulness.

Acting then in harmony with the Lodge, its Charter was deemed broad enough to shelter them in this new enterprise, and it was with no feelings of obligation, but with confidence in their right to do so, that for several years they made use of the Lodge's Charter as the authority for their undertaking. After a time, when candidates from other Lodges had reduced the influence of St. Andrew's Lodge in this body, then the Royal Arch Lodge was glad to accept as a

favor that which they had before enjoyed as a right, as is shown by a record of 1790, when it was voted "to return the thanks of this Lodge to St. Andrew's Lodge for their politeness in granting us the use of their Charter."

It was, however, more than six years after this time before the members fully realized the necessity of being regularly established by some competent authority, and a committee appointed "to consider the expediency of making application for a warrant."

At the next meeting, April 5, 1797, the committee reported, "their opinion that the only proper application for a warrant would be to the Grand Holy Royal Arch of England." This report was accepted and a committee appointed "to draught and forward a petition accordingly." Nothing further is known of this petition, and it is probable that it was never sent, for by this time the sentiment in favor of a union of the various Chapters had grown so strong that no other arrangement was desired.

In the following August, Thomas Smith Webb, with two Companions from Newburyport, visited the Chapter, as before mentioned. Among

the subjects discussed at that time none was thought as important as that of the union of the Chapters, and no doubt some action was proposed at this time, for after Companion Webb had returned to Albany the High Priest was requested to write him on the subject.

In October, Companion Webb was again in Boston accompanied by Companion Hammer. The subject of a Grand Chapter had now grown in the minds of the Companions until they were ready for action, and on the twenty-third of October it was "voted that M. E. Benjamin Hurd, Jur., H. P., M. E. John Soley, Jur., K., and William Woart, Secretary, be and they hereby are appointed a committee to confer with the respective committees from Temple Chapter, Albany, and the Newburyport Chapter, or any other committees that may be appointed on the subject of forming a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and to enter into any measures that may appear expedient for the carrying the same into effect."

On the next evening, October 24, 1797, in Mason's Hall, Boston, was the beginning of our General Grand Chapter. At this meeting seven

Companions were present, three from St. Andrew's Chapter, two from Temple Chapter, and two from Newburyport Chapter, mentioned in the records in the order now given. Thomas S. Webb was chosen Chairman and William Woart, Secretary of St. Andrew's Chapter, Scribe. A circular letter was then adopted, to be forwarded to each of the Chapters in New York and the New England States, requesting them to send delegates to another meeting to be held at Hartford, Conn., on January 24, 1798, for the purpose of adopting a Constitution and completing the business that had been begun in Boston. At the convention in Hartford, Benjamin Hurd, High Priest of this Chapter, was chosen President, and William Woart who was Secretary of this Chapter, was chosen Secretary. The convention met on four successive days, adopted a Constitution, and elected officers. M. E. Companion Hurd, being the oldest High Priest present, had the honor of installing the first General Grand High Priest of the United States.

The important part which the representatives of this Chapter had taken, and the influ-

ence which they exerted in this enterprise were duly appreciated by the Chapter, and at its first meeting after the convention, it was voted that the thanks of the Chapter be presented to the delegates "for the important services they have rendered the Craft."

The Grand Chapter of this State was organized agreeably to provisions of the General Grand Constitution, March 13, 1798, with Benjamin Hurd, Jr., of St. Andrew's Chapter, as Grand High Priest.

Many other subjects of interest pertaining to this period might be mentioned, but we will pass on, only quoting the record of June 27, 1798, when it was voted to procure a "seal for this Chapter against next Chapter night." Also an item from the records of February 8, 1797, which is of interest to the members of Boston Commandery, and is in the following words: "Voted, that the Knights of the *Red Cross* by Brother Benjamin Hurd, Junior, be and they hereby are permitted to make their records in the books of this Chapter." This record shows almost conclusively that the body which afterwards resulted in Boston Commandery was at

this time acting as an organization independent of the Chapter, with its own officers.

During the next twenty-five years our Chapter witnessed no extraordinary changes in its masonic character. During this period it gradually settled into its proper relation with the Grand Chapter and with its own members. There was sometimes no rule or precedent to establish the rights of either body; but the loyalty of our body, and the wisdom of the other, was an assured safeguard against any disturbance between them. In fact, the relations existing between the two bodies were most cordial, a condition that does not surprise us when we notice the important work which our own members were doing as members of the Grand Chapter.

At this time it was the custom of the Grand Chapter to hold its annual meetings alternately in Boston and Newburyport. When it met at the latter place it was the practice of our Chapter to pay the expense of its officers at the meetings; when the Grand Chapter met in Boston it was often entertained by a dinner at the expense of the members of our Chapter. A particular

instance of the respect of our Chapter for the officers of the Grand Chapter is noticed in our record of October 29, 1800, when it was voted "That the Grand High Priest of the State Chapter be requested to sit covered when in the Chapter."

In our records of 1803, is found an interesting account of the exposure and breaking up of a clandestine Chapter located in Roxbury and making use of the charter and jewels of Rising States Lodge which they had stolen.

Among the events most frequently noted at this time, are the calls for charity, and which were always responded to in a generous manner. These calls became so numerous that in 1809, a committee was appointed to report some plan for raising a "fund for the relief of indigent Companions, their widows and orphans." In 1811, the members of the Chapter contributed one hundred dollars for the benefit of the companions at Newburyport who had recently suffered from fire. In 1819, the by-laws were amended so as to require the election of a standing committee to act on all petitions for relief.

Our Chapter also exhibited its charity in a broader sense, by approving and recommending every petition for a new Chapter that was presented; six instances of this kind occurring from 1811 to 1820.

From 1800 to 1811, it was the custom at the Annual Meeting to elect separately, officers for the Royal Arch, the Mark, and the Most Excellent Degrees.

The installations of officers were events of great importance, at which the officers of the Grand Chapter, Grand Lodge, and other distinguished Masons were invited to attend. An oration by some clergyman or other Companion was delivered, and music and a banquet contributed to the enjoyment of the occasion. The oration at the installation in 1818, was delivered by Companion Walter H. Johnson, a senior at Harvard University. The first public installation of the officers occurred November 7, 1821. Companion Thomas S. Webb was present at two installations as Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States; he also visited the Chapter several other times, his last appearance being April 10, 1816.

At the Annual Meeting in 1805, it was voted that "in future a Chaplin shall be elected & a Closet Steward appointed."

Until February 6, 1805, our Chapter held its meetings at Mason's Hall in Green Dragon Tavern. From this date until July 23, 1817, it met in Mason's Hall, Ann Street, where all the other Masonic bodies, with the exception of the Lodge of St. Andrew, held their meetings. From July 23, 1817, until November 3, 1818, the Masonic bodies held their meetings in Exchange Coffee House. This building, which was costly and elegant for the times, was totally destroyed by fire November 3, 1818, causing a severe loss to all the bodies, our own included. A full account of this disaster is found in our records. The Chapter next held two meetings in Commercial Coffee House, after which it was again located in its old quarters on Ann Street, where it remained until the latter part of 1820, when with the other bodies it removed to the Old State House.

The finances of the Chapter, which before had been quite prosperous, were now considerably reduced by the cost of fitting up new

quarters, and by the purchase of new regalia to replace that lost by fire; but our members continued their work without any manifestation of discouragement.

In 1813, a committee was "raised to enquire into the expediancy and propriety of printing our by-laws, with a short history of the rise & progress of Royal Arch Masonry in this country." It is a subject of regret that no report of this committee is preserved. It is possible they presented none, meeting with the same difficulties in searching for facts as were found by the committee appointed in 1822, by the Grand Chapter, to ascertain a definite date for the Royal Arch Diploma, who reported, "that considering the obscurity which rests upon the actual date of the seventh degree, and considering likewise, that if the real date were ascertained, it would only be *ipso facto*, a continuation of Free-masonry in its several stages, do report that it is advisable that the Arch Diploma bear the same date as those of Masonry."

Among other interesting incidents of this time, we notice that the meeting of February 22, 1815, was adjourned "for the purpose of giving

to the members an opportunity to participate with their fellow citizens at large in the public celebration of the happy return of peace to our native land; and to commemorate the natal day of the man dearest our hearts, our revered & beloved Brother George Washington."

The meeting of October 6, 1819, was disturbed by the cry of fire, "which proved to be the rope walk at the bottom of the Common. A great number of the members left to look after the safety of their habitations and of their friends." The meeting was accordingly adjourned.

In 1821, the Chapter borrowed from several of its members $150, to complete the payment of its share of the expense of fitting up the hall in the Old State House.

The day for the regular meeting of the Chapter has been changed several times during its history. In 1824, it was fixed on the first Wednesday of the month, and the annual meeting on the first Wednesday in October, as at the present time.

During the next twenty-five years, two subjects of more than common interest attract

our attention. The first was the great excitement caused by the opponents of Freemasonry, which spreading over our land made trouble in every community wherever the members of our fraternity were found. Our Chapter with the other bodies suffered from this cause; it is, however, a subject for congratulation that so little injury resulted. Its income was for a time reduced by lack of work, and some of its members deserted its ranks, but the number of those who left for this cause was small, and included none who had been prominent in its affairs.

The other prominent subject of interest was the erection of the Temple on Tremont Street, corner of Temple Place. This would have been an important undertaking at any time, but when we consider the bitter feeling then prevailing in the community, and the unjust opposition the enterprise met at the hands of our Legislature, we are filled with feelings of admiration for the men who were true to the cause of Masonry under such discouragement. The loyalty of our Chapter was conspicuous at this time, and although its funds were much reduced, almost the whole was loaned to the Grand Lodge to

assist in the building of the new Temple. The first meeting which our Chapter held in the Temple was on January 4, 1832.

The relations existing between all the Masonic bodies at this time seem to have been very close and cordial. This feeling is shown by numerous invitations which our Chapter received to attend installations and celebrations of St. John's Day, many of which were accepted. The second public installation of the officers of the Chapter occurred in November, 1826.

June 17, 1825, our Chapter united with other Masonic bodies in laying the corner stone of Bunker Hill Monument.

In 1840, the by-laws were amended so that clergymen should be on the same footing as other candidates for the Degrees. Before that time they had been exempt from the payment of any fee.

In 1846, the Chapter accepted the invitation of the Grand Lodge to attend the dedication of the new hall that had been constructed in the Temple. Towards the expense of fitting and furnishing this hall, our Chapter contributed $300.

With the year 1850, we enter upon the last period of our Chapter's history, and although so many years are presented in this view, it has been a period of such constant prosperity, that a few of its incidents must serve to indicate the growth of the body during that time. In 1850, we had eighty-four members; to-day we have about six hundred. Then our fund was small and our ability to enter upon any scheme, social or otherwise, involving expense, was exceedingly limited; to-day our fund is of generous proportion and our income sufficient to satisfy all our requirements. During this period, candidates for the Degrees have constantly knocked at our door, and as we have been careful to admit only those who could stand the test of the Overseer's square, so also have our officers been careful to maintain our Chapter's good name by the accuracy and dignity of their work.

There does not appear to have been any change in the work or lectures as established in 1797, until this time. The records of the Grand Chapter show that in 1849, a convention of Royal Arch Masons in this city, had adopted work and lectures somewhat different from those

in previous use. This work, under the direction of M. E. Companion Stephen Lovell, was exhibited before the Grand Chapter December 11, 1849. At the conclusion of the exemplification, it was voted unanimously, that the work and lectures as exhibited should be adopted and practised by all the Chapters under its jurisdiction. Our Chapter was not in sympathy with the changes adopted at this time, considering them innovations on the ancient work. They accordingly exerted all their influence to have the old work restored, which result they finally accomplished; they did, however, approve of the change giving the Captain of the Host the rank he now sustains. Previous to that time the Royal Arch Captain had preceded him.

In 1858 the Grand Lodge sold the Temple, consequently the bodies occupying it were obliged to seek other quarters. Our Chapter removed to Nassau Hall, at the corner of Washington and Common Streets. In January, 1860, with the other Masonic bodies, it was located in Freemasons' Hall in the Winthrop House, on the spot where the present Temple stands. The Winthrop House was consumed by fire in 1864,

the regalia and Charter of this Chapter, with other valuable property, being destroyed in the conflagration. After this, four meetings were held at South Boston by invitation of St. Matthew's Chapter. Next, the Chapter was located at Number 10 Summer Street until September 7, 1867, when its first convocation was held in this Temple and where they have been continued until the present time.

Since the establishment of this Chapter it has held 1,537 meetings; three Royal Arch Masters and forty-seven High Priests have presided over its interests; 1,901 candidates have been exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, and 1,454 have been admitted to membership; eleven of its members have served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of this State, and two as General Grand High Priest of the United States.

As in the days of our Country's struggle for Independence, the members of this Chapter were true to their country's interests, so in the recent Civil War, its patriotism was shown by many of its members participating in the conflict. It was also seen in the care and support of their

families, which was authorized by vote of the Chapter, appointing a committee with full power to render them such assistance as should be needed.

Since 1850, forty-four years have rolled away, and yet many present to-day are old enough to remember some of those who were prominent in the affairs of this Chapter during the first decade of this period. How easy it is to recall Companions Charles W. Moore, Samuel Millard, William W. Baker, Thomas Waterman, John McLellan, Chester Sanderson, William Parkman, Samuel H. Gregory, Richard Briggs and others, some of whom have so recently gone that we almost forget that they are not with us to-day.

These cherished Companions, whose wisdom has often been our guide, are links in the chain connecting us with the past; and when we think that two other periods, of even shorter length than that which we now consider, will take us into the presence of those who founded our Chapter, in our thoughts at least, time is annihilated and we feel the emotions and sympathies of the Brethren who sought to enlarge the usefulness of Masonry through this enterprise;

and as we think of the success that has attended their undertaking, and of the great number who have wrought in this quarry searching for truth, we are reminded of the responsibility resting upon us to perpetuate this body with its honor and usefulness unimpaired.

Nor can we forget that our responsibility increases with the growth of our Institution. Its principles have always promoted patriotism and encouraged useful citizenship; but new questions affecting the relations of society are constantly coming before the world for solution. These questions can be permanently settled only on the basis of universal brotherhood; this is the foundation of the Masonic Institution. This principle adopted by the world means universal peace and universal comfort; hence, we may congratulate ourselves that the prosperity of this Chapter contributes in some measure to the growth of those influences which are to eliminate selfishness from the world and unite mankind in the practice of justice and charity.

The following original Ode was sung by the Temple Quartette immediately preceding the introduction of the Orator.

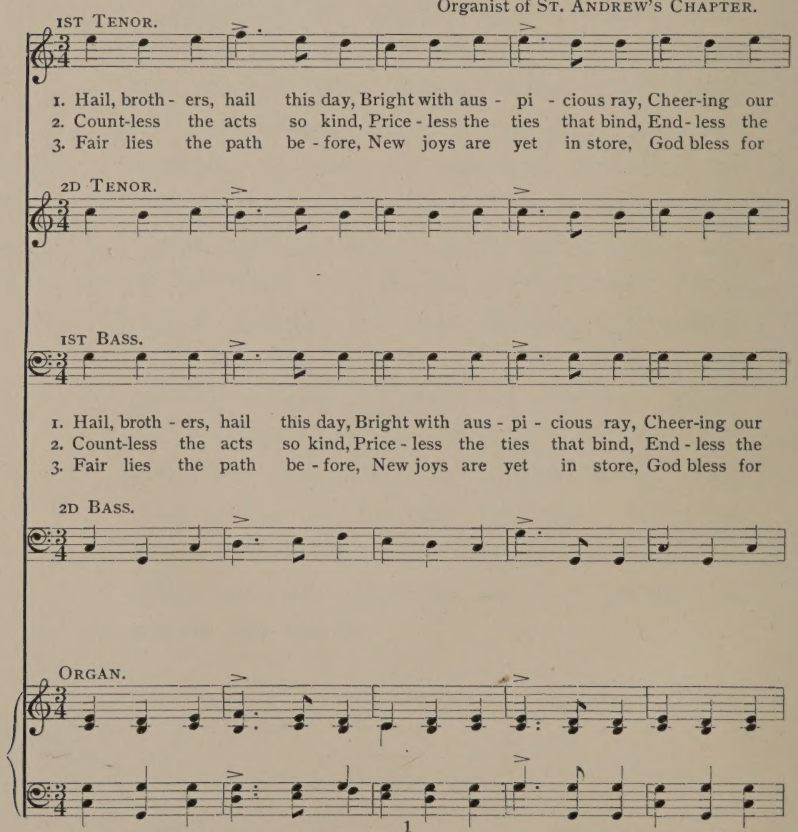
ODE.

COMMEMORATIVE OF ST. ANDREW'S R. A. CHAPTER.

125TH ANNIVERSARY.

Words by
Rev. Bro. EDWARD A. HORTON.

Music by
Companion HOWARD M. DOW,
Organist of ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER.


1ST TENOR.
1. Hail, broth - ers, hail this day, Bright with aus - pi - cious ray, Cheer-ing our
2. Count-less the acts so kind, Price - less the ties that bind, End - less the
3. Fair lies the path be - fore, New joys are yet in store, God bless for
2D TENOR.
1ST BASS.
1. Hail, broth - ers, hail this day, Bright with aus - pi - cious ray, Cheer-ing our
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2D BASS.
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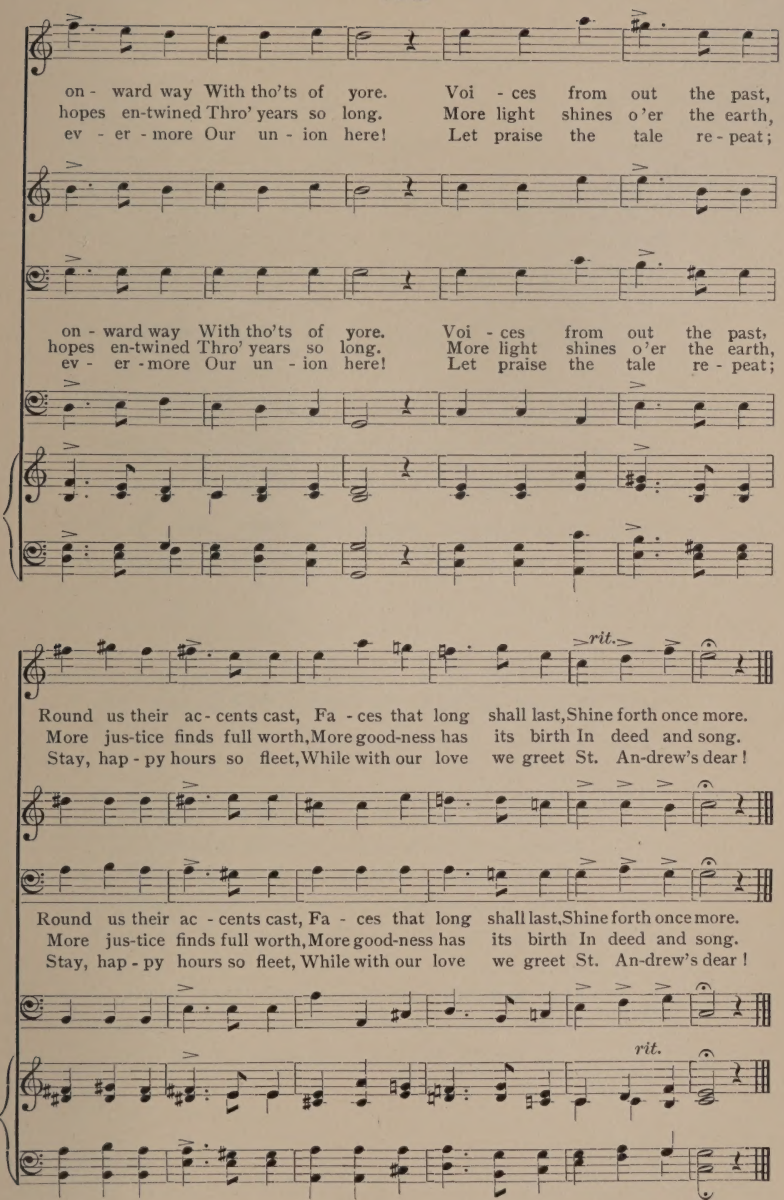
on - ward way With tho'ts of yore. Voi - ces from out the past,
hopes en-twined Thro' years so long. More light shines o'er the earth,
ev - er - more Our un - ion here! Let praise the tale re - peat;
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Round us their ac - cents cast, Fa - ces that long shall last, Shine forth once more.
More jus-tice finds full worth, More good-ness has its birth In deed and song.
Stay, hap - py hours so fleet, While with our love we greet St. An-drew's dear!
Round us their ac - cents cast, Fa - ces that long shall last, Shine forth once more.
More jus-tice finds full worth, More good-ness has its birth In deed and song.
Stay, hap - py hours so fleet, While with our love we greet St. An-drew's dear!
rit.

SINGING.

"Sunset," by the Temple Quartette.

PRESENTATION OF READER OF THE POEM.

Companions:

Most Excellent FREDERICK T. COMEE will now read a poem written for this occasion by one of our own members, Companion FRED CLINTON FAIRBANKS.

ST. ANDREW'S ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

1769–1894

"BY ways they know not will I bring the blind,
And lead them on in paths they have not trod.
Before them shall the darkness be made light,
The crooked straightened, all rough places plain,
And I will not forsake them," saith their God.

When Israel's Children groaned beneath the yoke
Laid on their shoulders by the Egyptian King,
And toiled to make their daily tale of brick, —

The rod their punishment when unfulfilled, —
The Lord, who by Himself had sworn to make
The seed of Abraham to multiply
And be in number as the stars of heaven,
Their groanings heard when unto Him they cried,
And raised up Moses from the river's brink,
To give to them the Law and be their guide.
From burning bush comes forth the voice of God,
And with uncovered feet he turns aside
To hear God's promise to deliver them
And lead them forward to a goodly land.

The Voice commands him: "To the people say,
'I AM hath sent me unto you,' and they
Shall hearken, and their freedom shall demand."
And Moses answered: "But behold, O Lord,
They will not hearken to my voice, and say
'The Lord our God hath not appeared to thee.'"
JEHOVAH said: "Cast on the ground thy rod!"
And Moses from the serpent fled in fear.
But when he reached and grasped it by the tail,
Within his hand it was again a rod.
And further; — "In thy bosom put thy hand!"
He plucked it forth as leprous-white as snow,
"And yet again!" It was to health restored.

He speaks, and lo! the rivers turn to blood;
On man and beast more grievous torments fall;
The heavens are filled with lightning, and the earth
Is smitten with a devastating hail.
Then came a cloud of locusts which devoured

Fruit, leaf and herb that in the field remained.
But still the heart of Pharaoh softened not.
Then God made darkness palpable prevail,
And smote with death the first-born of the land,
Nor rested at the palace of the king.

Their fetters burst! thrust out from Egypt's land,
Their armies move, rejoicing o'er their spoils,
The Red Sea waves for them are driven back;
The Israelites have gained the further shore,
While horse and rider, chariots and men,
Of Pharaoh's mighty host are swallowed up.
By night the fiery pillar guides their course,
By day the cloud conducts them on their way.
They hunger: God sends manna down from heaven.
They thirst: and water issues from the smitten rock.

Then Elim's wells and feathery palm trees shine,
And Sinai's peak frowns o'er the wilderness,
While Israel camped before the mount of God.
Upon its top the glory of the Lord
Was like devouring fire unto their sight.
Mid trumpet-blast and fearful thunderings
The vivid lightning through the vapor plays
Which hides Jehovah's presence from their sight;
While Moses hears the awful voice of God
Who gives to him the tables of the Law.
And when again the people saw his face
It shone, and they were filled with fear and fled.
Thus did their Great High Priest His vow fulfill,
And brought them safely to the Promised Land.

The Lord of Hosts for them their battles fought;
Their Heavenly Father o'er His children watched,
And made His chosen people great and strong.

So hast Thou kept Thy later Israel,
And been our guiding compass, gracious Lord,
Through all these generations that have past.
When once Oppression's galling yoke was felt,
And we were forced to fight a hireling horde,
Our noble Craft gave Washington, Revere,
And Warren, who his life laid down; and Thou
Didst give unto our arms the victory,
As unto Israel in the wilderness.

Thy Word: the manna sent to us from Heaven;
Thy Grace: the water for our souls outpoured;
Thy Law: the fire by night and cloud by day.
May these sustain, refresh, and guide our way
Along the rugged pathway of this life.
Though humbled in our earthly pilgrimage,
Exalted may we be with Thee to dwell
Forever in the regions of the blest.

Anoint our eyes, Great Master Architect,
And give us skill to rightly judge each stone,
That we the chiefest one may not pass by.
And with five quarter-centuries for base
May we and those who follow us so build
That each at last may hear the words, — " Well done."

FRED CLINTON FAIRBANKS.

SINGING.

Another brilliant number was then sung by the Temple Quartette.

CLOSING BY THE HIGH PRIEST.

Companions:

I can think of no more fitting language with which to conclude this Jubilee Convocation of St. Andrew's Chapter than the hopeful words of the Psalmist:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

I declare this Convocation closed.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

FOR THE COMPANIONS AND THEIR LADIES

MECHANIC'S HALL on Huntington Avenue was beautifully decorated for the evening. Instead of the customary decorations of red, white and blue, "The place was transformed into a fairyland of pale pink, ivory, gold, silver, pale blue and Nile green shimmering and gauzy with abundant festoonings of laurel leaves.

"At the head of the hall was a painting, eight by sixteen feet, of St. Andrew supporting the cross, and at either side a large painting of the obverse and reverse of the Anniversary Medal, all exquisitely draped in ivory and pale blue. The first gallery was hung in blue and ivory, with paintings of the seasons at intervals, harmonizing in color.

"The opposite end of the hall had an elaborate draping in Nile green and ivory. Over the main gallery was a painting of the festival of Apollo, and around the balcony railing there was

a dance of the muses. Two panels under the side balconies represented Music and Painting.

"From the central dome was festooned thousands of yards of bunting in festive colors, and among these were draped the laurel.

"A new decorative feature, which was most effective, was that of having curtains of ivory and pale pink hung from the lower balcony to the floor to form a promenade outside the dancing space. This was bordered with shrubbery.

"Everywhere was seen, tastefully worked into the decorations, various Masonic emblems."

The festivities here commenced with a

PROMENADE CONCERT

by Carter's Orchestra of thirty-five pieces, under the conductorship of Companion THOMAS M. CARTER.

PROGRAMME.

1. FESTMARSCH . . . . . *Carl Faust*
2. OVERTURE — Banditenstreiche . . *F. Von Suppe*
3. INVITATION — A La Gavotte . . *E. Waldteufel*
4. FANTASIE — Gypsy Life . . . *C. Le Thiere*
5. POLKA FANTASIE — Little Sparrows on the Roof, *Skala*
6. ENTR' ACTE — Mam'zelle Nitouche . . *Herve*

The High Priest and officers of the Chapter gathered at the head of the hall to formally receive the guests, who were escorted in under the marshalship of Right Excellent ALBERT L. RICHARDSON, who presented M.·. E.·. GEORGE L. MCCAHAN, General Grand High Priest, and the many distinguished guests who were present in the afternoon. These, with the Members of the Chapter and their ladies who were present, numbered more than nine hundred.

The following is the

ORDER OF DANCES.

1. WALTZ — The Kiss . . . . . *Waldteufel*
2. QUADRILLE — Bouquet . . . . *Strauss*
3. DEUX-TEMPS — Boston Post . . . *Tracy*
4. LANCIERS — Reception . . . *Weingarten*
5. WALTZ — Carnival Messenger . . . *Strauss*
6. PORTLAND FANCY — La Prima Donna . . *Coote*

BANQUET.

7. WALTZ — Fin de Siècle . . . *Waldteufel*
8. GALOP — Ida . . . . . *Faust*
9. QUADRILLE — Artist . . . . . *Strauss*
10. SCHOTTISCHE — Loie . . . . . *Bendix*
11. LANCIERS — Liederkranz . . . *Weingarten*

12. Polka — Belles of Baltimore . . . *Bailey*
13. Quadrille — Charivari . . . . *Strauss*
14. Waltz — Songs of Scotland . . . *Christie*

The brilliant success of the Evening Entertainment was largely due to the skill and ability of the Chief Marshal and his assistants.

CHIEF MARSHAL

CHARLES E. PHIPPS.

MARSHALS

Henry G. Jordan.
George Ellis Reed.
Thomas J. Olys.
William H. La Pointe.

AIDS

Edward S. Batchelder.
Walter F. Ford.
Henry Samuel.
Robert H. Bowman.
E. Mertain Hatch.
John Stalker.
William H. Burr.
Samuel A. Lincoln.
Henry G. Thomas.
Henry B. Davis.
Joseph H. Morse.
Walter L. Wedger.
Rinaldo B. Richardson.
George B. Dodge.
John H. North.
Edwin Wilcock.
Josiah T. Dyer.
George O. Noyes.
Jesse L. Wiley.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE

Gus G. R. Stanwood.
Francis M. Learned.
William B. Phipps.
Ferd. M. Trifet.
Abbott L. Aldrich.
Harry D. Delano.
Horatio G. Hall.
James A. Alexander.
Albert A. Folsom.
Wm. E. Worcester.
Frederick L. Briggs.
Daniel B. Badger.
Richard Briggs.
Albert B. Root.
W. M. Merrill.
Ernest F. Lovejoy.
Chas. H. Horton, Jr.
Thomas A. Boyd.
George T. Ambrose.
John H. Collamore.
Wm. S. Boardman.
Walter M. Cameron.
Sidney M. Hedges.
Martin A. Monroe.
James W. Hinckley.
Silas W. Loomis.
Frederick I. Clayton.
George M. Hosmer.
Edwin P. Longley.
Wm. H. Keating.
Amos Cotting.
Edward W. S. Jones.
William F. Butler.
Henry A. Cook.
Charles A. Drost.
R. Gardner Chase.

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BOSTON, July 31, 1894.

SERANUS BOWEN, Esq.

Dear Sir and R. E. Companion:

It is with much pleasure that I accept the invitation of St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter to attend the celebration of its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary on the fifth of September. Thanking you and the Chapter for the invitation, I remain

Yours very fraternally,

OTIS E. WELD,

Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

BOSTON, Aug. 4, 1894.

R. E. SERANUS BOWEN,

Dear Companion:

I have to thank you for your courteous invitation to a most unique occasion.

One hundred and twenty-five years full of earnest and intelligent work for the fraternity are to be rounded out by the most fitting celebration to which you call me.

That it is utterly impossible for me to be present gives me most sincere regret, which takes a more personal character as I think of the length of our friendship, the many years during which it has been my good fortune to work side by side with you.

I know your fidelity to the Order, your unselfish and untiring efforts for the advancement of its principles. I rejoice with you in the prosperity which has attended your Chapter.

May its strength increase with its years, and you live long to enjoy its Companionship, and the fruits of your labor.

Yours fraternally,

SMITH B. HARRINGTON,

Past Grand High Priest.

[TELEGRAM]

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 4, 1894.

SERANUS BOWEN, 28 School St., Boston.

Regret that I cannot be with you to-morrow. Many happy returns of the auspicious day to St. Andrew's Chapter.

CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,

General Grand Secretary.

[TELEGRAM]

ST. PAUL, MINN., Sept. 5, 1894.

SERANUS BOWEN, 28 School St., Boston.

The young jurisdiction of the North State sends cordial greetings to St. Andrew's Chapter, its *alma mater*, under

the General Grand Chapter, with congratulation for having successfully maintained the principles of Capitular Masonry during a century and a quarter, and sincere wishes for the continued prosperity and enlarged usefulness of all its members. Regret cannot be present.

WILLIAM PARKER JEWETT,
Grand High Priest.

TORQUAY, ENGLAND, 10, Aug., 1894.

DEAR M. E. COMP. DR. BOWEN:

I am much obliged for the appreciated invite to the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the "St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter," and particularly for the appropriate medal-souvenir.

Being unable to attend, and under the special circumstances of my having for long taken such a deep interest in the welfare of the Chapter — as also "St. Andrew's Lodge," permit me to write out the gist of what would be my speech on the occasion, as one of the many invited guests.

Many discoveries have been made of late years respecting the early History of the Royal Arch Degree, especially since the Centenary was celebrated of St. Andrew's Chapter. Although we can get no farther back than 1738–40 for the origin of the ceremony, we can trace its progress much better and clearer from the 5th to the 7th decades of the last century.

The earliest known typographical reference to the R. A. is still of the year 1744,[1] but from various documents traced of late years, we find that the Degree was worked

[1] "Dr. Dassigny's Enquiry and Hughan's Royal Arch 1743–1893," (R. Jackson, Leeds).

at Stirling, Scotland, as early as 1743. The particulars, however, are not derived from the *original* Records and By-Laws, but copies made about fifty years later. There is no reason to doubt their *bona fide* character, but one would rather have had the premier minutes.

The Degree is noticed in the Records of the "Ancient," or "Atholl" Grand Lodge of England (erroneously termed "York Masons") in the year 1752, but the oldest original minutes respecting Royal Arch Masonry are preserved at Fredericksburg, Virginia, of Dec. 22, 1753, a *fac-simile* of which I had made for the article on "English Royal Arch Masonry, 1744–65," (in 1891). From the 7th decade of last century there is plenty of evidence at York, London and elsewhere, of veritable Records, and though the first minutes of the Degree at Philadelphia, Penn., do not begin so soon, there is a reference to the Ceremony of the previous decade. A slight note as to the same Degree has been traced at Dumfries, Scotland, of 1756.

When it originated, as also *where* and *why*, we do not know; but the Degree was widely spread throughout the Masonic World during the second half of the last century, especially in 1769, when the St. Andrew's Chapter was at work. I think it likely, however, that this body was active prior to August 12th, 1769.[2]

As respects the Mark Degree, the oldest minute traced, until this year, was of 1773, at Durham, England, but Comp. Howell, of Portsmouth, has discovered the first minutes of the Chapter held in that town, *in cypher*, which states that *the Degree* was conferred by M. E. Comp. Thomas Dunckerley[3] in 1769, and consisted of *two* points or parts, *viz*, "Mark *Mason*" (or "Mark Man") for *Fellow Crafts*,

[2] "St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter," by A. F. Chapman. (Boston, 1883.)

[3] "History of the Phœnix Lodge and Chapter, etc., with an Introduction on R. A. Masonry," by W. J. Hughan. (Portsmouth, 1894.)

and "Mark *Master*" for *Master Masons.* Dunckerley was exalted in the same town in the year 1754, so he stated in 1792.

The "St. Andrew's Chapter" contains the oldest minute discovered, proving that the Knight Templar was conferred in 1769. There is not a Record elsewhere that mentions this popular ceremony so early as the 7th decade, but there is no lack of evidence in the following decade of that century.

I had a copy once of the History of the "St. Andrew's" Lodge, but it has gone astray somehow, much to my regret, but I have the late Comp. Chapman's able History of the Chapter.

With all good wishes to the St. Andrew's Chapter, and especially to you as the High Priest during the 125th Anniversary, believe me

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Papers to illustrate my remarks per Book Post.

ACOMB HOUSE,
YORK, 13, Aug., 1894.

M. E. COMP. SERANUS BOWEN.

Dear Sir and Companion:

I have to thank you extremely for the very handsome and appropriate medal which has just reached me, struck in honour of your 125th Anniversary. It will form an important addition to my collection of Masonic medals. In America you do this kind of thing so much better than we do in England. You make far more of the Royal Art than we do.

I know not how this is, but I *think* the reason is that Freemasonry occupies a more important position from a social point of view in America than it does in England. I will take an early opportunity of sending you a few English Masonic circulars which is the best return I can make to you for your courtesy.

Should you ever come to this side I trust you will not fail to let me know. As the official custodian of York Minster I am usually to be found in its precincts.

I am yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD, P. Z. 1611,
P. P. G. H. North and East Yorks,
P. G. Standard Bearer, England.

LODGE "QUATUOR CORONATI,"
No. 2076, LONDON.

G. W. SPETH, Secretary, 7 Lancaster Place, Margate, Kent.

August 31, 1894.

SERANUS BOWEN, Esq., Boston.

Dear Sir and Brother:

On my return from my holiday I find your favour of the 31st July awaiting me, as well as the handsome medal which you were so kind as to forward me.

I would much have liked to keep it myself, but I feel there can be no doubt that when such gifts arrive to my address, they are really due to the fact that I am the Secretary of our Lodge, without which my name could scarcely be known to you and others. I have therefore felt it my duty to hand the medal over to our Lodge collection, and on the part of the Officers and Brethren I now beg to

thank you warmly for your kind attention. The medal is an interesting one in its associations and well executed, and will be treasured by us.

Yours very fraternally,

G. Wm. Speth.

Grand R. A. Chapter of Maine.

Office of the Grand Secretary,

Portland, Aug. 31, 1894.

Dear Comp. Bowen:

I find that I shall be obliged to decline your kind invitation to the 125th Anniversary of St. Andrew's Chapter. I thank you for the courteous remembrance, and regret that I cannot attend.

So long as 1769 continues the earliest date of Templarism, its Anniversary will be of leading importance in Masonry, and St. Andrew's the bright particular star in the Royal Arch Galaxy.

Yours ever,

Stephen Berry.

Lowell, Mass., Sept. 7, 1894.

My Dear Dr. Bowen:

At almost the last moment I was taken suddenly ill, too ill to attend the exercises, and too late to send any word. How *great* my disappointment was, I cannot find words to tell! That disappointment is still with me! I am well now — but I had a hard time while it lasted.

I see by the papers that you had a brilliant and successful occasion, whereat I rejoice, and congratulate you. But

to think that I could not be there! Well, we can only gracefully submit.

But I thank you again for your kind thought of me, in the invitation, and remain

Most faithfully yours,

A. St. John Chambré,
Past Deputy Grand High Priest.

Seranus Bowen, M.D., Boston.

Belknap, Ala., Aug. 1, 1894.

M. E. Seranus Bowen, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir and M. E. Companion:

The receipt of your invitation to attend the 125th Anniversary of St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter by me gave me very great pleasure, and it is with deep regret that I feel compelled to deny myself the pleasure of greeting and being greeted by noble companions on that occasion. To us men who have attained not half that age, your brow seems illuminated with a halo shining with the bright deeds of the past and promising so much for the future. What has not masonry done in aiding in the establishment of a superior civilization and the extension of free thought in this noble land of ours?

That your occasion may be a success need not to be asserted, but that it may tend to excite emulation and foster the zeal of Companions everywhere, is the prayer of one who is proud to subscribe himself

Your Servant and Brother,

Palmer J. Pillans,
Past Grand High Priest.

Letters of acceptance were also received from

R.·.E.·. CHARLES C. FRY, Grand Commander, and

V.·.E.·. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

R.·.E.·. WILLIAM R. GREENE, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.

M.·.E.·. WM. H. W. HINDS, Grand High Priest of New Hampshire.

M.·.E.·. MYRON J. HORTON, Grand High Priest of Vermont.

M.·.E.·. J. LEAVITT LAMBERT, Past Grand High Priest of New York.

M.·.E.·. STEPHEN R. SIRCOM, P.·.G.·.H.·.P.·., Nova Scotia.

M.·.I.·. J. ALBERT BLAKE, Grand Master,

M.·.I.·. DANIEL W. JONES, Past Grand Master, and

M.·.I.·. WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE, Past Grand Master of Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were received from a large number of distinguished Companions from all over the country, among whom may be mentioned:

M.·.E.·. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Past General Grand High Priest.

M.·.E.·. WILLIAM C. SWAIN of Milwaukee, General Grand Principal Sojourner,

M.·.E.·. NATHAN KINGSLEY, General Grand Royal Arch Captain,

M.·.E.·. BERNARD G. WITT, General Grand Master of the 3d Veil, of the General Grand Chapter.

R.·.W.·. CHARLES A. WELCH, Past Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

M.·.E.·. ALBERT L. ANTHONY, Grand High Priest of Rhode Island.

M.·.E.·. WILLIAM STARLING, Grand High Priest,

M.·.E.·. FREDERICK SPEED,

M.·.E.·. P. M. SAVERY, and

M.·.E.·. J. L. POWER, Past Grand High Priests of Mississippi.

M.·.E.·. FRANK NUSOM, Grand High Priest, and

R.·.E.·. GEORGE LOPAS, Jr., Grand Secretary of Texas.

Rev. HERMAN C. DUNCAN, Past Grand High Priest, Louisiana.

M.·.E.·. EDGAR A. TENNIS, Grand High Priest,

M.·.E.·. MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, Past Grand High Priest, and

M.·.E.·. CHARLES CARY, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

M.·.E.·. JOHN C. BONE, Grand High Priest of Arkansas.

M.·.E.·. JOHN M. CARTER, Past Grand High Priest of Maryland.

M.·.E.·. ISAIAH BAKER, Jr., Grand High Priest,

M.·.E.·. JOHN H. BARLOW, Past Grand High Priest,

R.·.E.·. JOSEPH K. WHEELER, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

R.·.E.·. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.

M.·.E.·. ELLISON L. CRAWFORD, Grand High Priest, and

M.·.E.·. WM. A. DAVIES, Past Grand High Priest of California.

R.·.E.·. GEORGE JUDD GARDNER, Committee on Correspondence, Grand Chapter of New York.

M.·.E.·. JOHN M. PEARSON, Past Grand High Priest, and

R.·.E.·. GIL W. BARNARD, Grand Secretary, Illinois.

M.·.E.·. ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER, Past Grand High Priest, Colorado.

M.·.E.·. MORTIMER NYE, Past Grand High Priest, Indiana.

M.·.E.·. JAMES SOUTHGATE, Past Grand High Priest, North Carolina.

M.·.E.·. GEORGE W. ANDREWS, Grand High Priest, Delaware.

R.·.E.·. CHAUNCEY N. NOTEWARE, Grand Secretary, Nevada.

M.·.E.·. JOHN W. BEAN, Grand High Priest, Washington.

M.·.E.·. T. S. HAYHURST, Grand High Priest, Wisconsin.

M.·.E.·. ALBERT W. CRITES, Grand High Priest, Nebraska.

R.·.E.·. WM. R. BOWEN, Grand Secretary, Nebraska.

M.·.E.·. C. H. BRIGGS, Grand High Priest, Missouri.

M.·.E.·. J. H. MCCLISTER, Grand High Priest, Tennessee.

M.·.E.·. FREDERICK W. CRAIG, Grand High Priest, Iowa.

M.·.E.·. THOMAS R. ERCANBRACK, Past Grand High Priest, Iowa.

R.·.E.·. JACOB DEWITT, Grand Secretary, Kansas.

M.·.E.·. ORESTES A. B. SENTER, Grand High Priest, Ohio.

And many others.

BY-LAWS

AND

LIST OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

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ARTICLE I.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

SECTION I. Saint Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter shall consist of a High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, three Masters of the Vails, Chaplain, two Stewards, Organist, and Tyler, and as many members as the Chapter may admit.

MEETINGS.

SEC. 2. The regular convocations of the Chapter shall be on the first Wednesday of every month, at such hour as the High Priest shall direct; *provided*, however, that during the Summer months the convocations may be suspended by a vote of the Chapter. The High Priest may call special convocations whenever he shall deem it expedient.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 3. All the officers shall be elected annually, on the evening of the first Wednesday in October, by written or printed votes, except the Chaplain, Stewards, Organist, and Tyler, who shall be appointed by the High Priest. The officers shall be installed as soon as may be convenient, and shall retain their offices until their successors are installed.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

SEC. 4. The High Priest, King, and Scribe, for the time being, shall be a Committee on Finance to examine and act upon all bills and demands against the Chapter. They shall examine the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary annually, and report thereon, as well as on all moneyed concerns of the Chapter. They shall also give a detailed statement of all the paraphernalia and working property of the Chapter at the annual meeting, and before the election of the officers.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall receive all money from the Secretary, and receipt therefor, and pay all bills which have been approved by one or more of the Committee on Finance, and all appropriations made by the Chapter, and invest, with the approval of the Committee on Finance, any surplus remaining in his hands not required for immediate use of the Chapter. His accounts shall at all times be subject to the inspection of the Committee on Finance, and he shall exhibit an account of all money concerns of the Chapter, to be laid before it at the annual convocation, and shall deliver to his successor in office all property of the Chapter in his hands immediately after his installation.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

SEC. 6. The Secretary shall keep a just and fair record of the proceedings of the Chapter, collect all money due from members, and pay it over to the Treasurer on or before the next regular convocation; shall issue notifications one

day at least previous to each meeting, on which notifications he shall insert the names of all candidates proposed for the degrees or for membership; shall present the chairman of every committee with a copy of the vote by which he is appointed; shall also report the names of delinquents to the Standing Committee; and, as a compensation for his services, shall receive such sum as the Chapter may from time to time determine.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Any candidate exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in this Chapter may become a member thereof by signing the By-Laws and paying the usual fee — $5.00 — if done within six months after such exaltation; otherwise, the candidate must be re-proposed and again balloted for.

Any Royal Arch Mason who has not been exalted in St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, may be proposed for membership by a member at any convocation, but shall not be balloted for until the next regular convocation, nor until after a committee of investigation shall have reported on his character; nor then, unless his name shall have been borne upon the notice of the convocation when the ballot is to be taken. If admitted, such candidate shall pay the sum of Twenty Dollars, and sign the By-Laws within six months thereafter, to be entitled to the privileges of membership, otherwise the candidate must be re-proposed and again balloted for.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

SEC. 2. All Past High Priests of this Chapter shall become Honorary Members on the installation of their successor. Honorary Membership may be conferred upon any Royal Arch Mason, who, for particular services for this Chapter, or in the cause of Masonry elsewhere, shall be recommended for that purpose, to be effected by an election attended by the same formalities

that are required in an election to ordinary membership. An election to honorary membership shall in no way restrict the rights and privileges of any member of this Chapter which he might otherwise have enjoyed.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 3. Life Members shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of full membership, and shall be exempt from assessment for the support of the Chapter.

Any member of the Chapter whose dues are settled shall, upon the payment of Twenty Dollars, be constituted a Life Member.

PERMANENT FUND.

SEC. 4. The Permanent Fund shall be styled "The Permanent Fund of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter."

The fund shall consist of all moneys received for Life Membership, of all donations and bequests to the Chapter, and of such additions as shall from time to time be made by vote of the Chapter.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

SEC. 5. The Permanent Fund shall be held in the name of the High Priest and members of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, but shall be under the control and direction of a Board of Trustees, consisting of the High Priest, Treasurer, and three members who hold no other office in the Chapter, who shall be elected by ballot, and whose tenure of office shall be respectively as follows: The term of office of one Trustee shall expire at the next annual meeting, one in one year from said annual meeting, and one in two years from said annual meeting; and at each annual meeting of the Chapter there shall be elected one member of the Board for the term of three years. Each Trustee, however, shall hold his office until his successor is elected. The Board thus constituted shall be styled "The Trustees of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter."

VACANCIES.

SEC. 6. Should a vacancy occur in the Board of Trustees, it shall be filled by an election by ballot at the next succeeding stated meeting, or

as soon thereafter as may be practicable, due notice of the election being borne upon the notifications.

DUTIES OF THE TRUSTEES.

SEC 7. The Board of Trustees shall carefully and judiciously invest the Permanent Fund, in such manner as in their best judgment shall be safest and most productive, and shall select a suitable place of deposit for the securities and vouchers, where their absolute safety from fire and theft shall be insured.

The Board of Trustees shall keep a full and accurate record of the investments of the Permanent Fund, and at each annual meeting they shall submit to the Chapter in writing a correct statement of the Fund in detail, exhibiting its exact nature and condition. They shall semi-annually pay to the Treasurer, for the use of the Chapter, all incomes derived from the Fund, so far as the same can be determined, provided the necessities of the Chapter so require; otherwise, the said income shall be added to, and constitute a part of the Permanent Fund.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 8. This Article shall not be repealed or amended, unless the proposition to repeal or amend be made in writing at a stated meeting, borne upon the notifications for three succeeding stated meetings, and then adopted by four-fifths of all the members present.

DUES.

SEC. 9. Every member (except Honorary, the Treasurer, Secretary, and Chaplain) shall pay two dollars annually. *Provided*, That any member who has held membership for twenty-five years and whose dues are settled, shall thereby become exempt from any future assessment.

DELINQUENCY.

SEC. 10. Every member (except as above) shall settle his account with the Secretary annually; but, should he neglect or refuse to do so, his name shall be reported to the Chapter for action, and his membership may be declared forfeited by a vote of the Chapter.

ARTICLE III.

APPLICATIONS FOR DEGREES.

SECTION 1. Every candidate for the degrees shall be proposed by a member of the Chapter, shall sign the following application, and deposit the same and the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS with the Secretary at the time the proposition is made :

To the Most Excellent High Priest, King, Scribe, and Companions of St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter :

I, , having received the Degree of Master Mason in Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of , having the good of the Craft at heart, and being desirous of obtaining further light in Masonry, do fraternally offer myself a candidate for the Degrees conferred in your Chapter. Should my petition be granted, I promise a cheerful compliance with all the forms and usages of the Fraternity.

Where born

When born

My place of residence is

Occupation

Place of business

Received the Degree of Master Mason in the month of , A. D.

Member of Lodge.

I have before applied for said Degrees to R. A. Chapter.

[The candidate will state the entire facts. If he has *never* before applied, he will insert the words *never* and *any* respectively in the blank spaces above. If he has ever before applied, he shall state the *number* of times, and the name of the Chapter or Chapters respectively in the blank spaces.]

(*Candidate's signature in full.*)

BOSTON, A. D. 18 .

We, the subscribers, hereby certify that we are acquainted with

named in the above application, and believe him to be of regular and upright conduct, fair fame, sober life, and good moral character. We do, therefore, recommend him as a Master Mason worthy and well qualified to be exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason.

BOSTON, A. D. 18 .

DIPLOMA.

SEC. 2. Any Companion exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason in this Chapter shall be entitled to a diploma by placing his name in the margin.

DECEASED MEMBERS.

SEC. 3. In case of the death of any member of the Chapter, it shall be the duty of the Council to ascertain the condition of the family of such deceased member; and if, in their opinion, the circumstances of the family are such as to require pecuniary aid, they shall be authorized to donate from the funds of this Chapter any sum not exceeding fifty dollars.

CHANGES IN BY-LAWS.

SEC. 4. These By-Laws shall not be altered, amended, or repealed, unless a proposition therefor has been made in writing, and read in open Chapter, specifying the section to be altered; nor until such proposition has been considered by a committee appointed for that purpose, and notice of said amendment inserted on the notifi-

cations for the meeting at which the subject is to be acted upon; nor even then, unless two-thirds of the members present shall vote in the affirmative. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to Article II, Section 8.

IN GRAND CHAPTER, March 10, 1893.

The full code of By-Laws of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter was this day examined and approved.

Attest: SERANUS BOWEN,
Grand Secretary.

OFFICERS

ELECTED OCTOBER 4, 1893.

SERANUS BOWEN,	HIGH PRIEST.
AUGUSTUS RIDGEWAY,	KING.
WILLIAM L. WILLEY,	SCRIBE.
JAMES D. RONIMUS,	TREASURER.
WARREN B. ELLIS,	SECRETARY.
GUS G. R. STANWOOD,	CAPTAIN OF THE HOST.
FRANCIS M. LEARNED,	PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER.
WILLIAM B. PHIPPS,	ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN.
FERDINAND M. TRIFET,	MASTER THIRD VAIL.
ABBOTT L. ALDRICH,	MASTER SECOND VAIL.
HARRY D. DELANO,	MASTER FIRST VAIL.
HORATIO G. HALL,	SENIOR STEWARD.
JAMES A. ALEXANDER,	JUNIOR STEWARD.
HOWARD M. DOW,	ORGANIST.

Regular Meetings of the Chapter on the First Wednesday of Every Month, July and August excepted by vote.

St. Andrew's Chapter

Has had Fifty High Priests, including the present incumbent. There are now living the following

PAST HIGH PRIESTS.

CHARLES C. DAME,
CHARLES W. ROMNEY,
WILLIAM F. PEIRCE,
THOMAS WATERMAN,
FREDERICK T. COMEE,
ALBERT L. RICHARDSON,
JAMES P. PHINNEY,
WINFIELD L. TUCKER,
WARREN B. ELLIS,
EUGENE A. HOLTON,
CHARLES E. PHIPPS,
SERANUS BOWEN.

The above-named are Honorary Members.

MEMBERS

Alden, George A.	Feb. 7, 1855.	
Ambrose, George T.	Jan'y 2, 1861.	
Allen, William H.	Nov. 2, 1864.	
Adams, Luther	June 1, 1870.	Life Member.
Arnold, Horatio B.	June 5, 1872.	
Alford, Frederick	March 5, 1873.	
Arnett, Henry	May 1, 1878.	Life Member.
Alexander, James A	Feb. 5, 1879.	Life Member.
Atwood, George E.	Feb. 2, 1881.	Life Member.
Adams, Charles E.	Feb. 7, 1883.	Life Member.
Ayer, Eugene G.	Oct. 3, 1883.	Life Member.
Adams, Ivers W.	March 2, 1887.	
Aldrich, Abbot L.	April 2, 1890.	Life Member.
Alley, George R.	March 2, 1892.	
Ames, Winfred S.	March 7, 1894.	
Ames, Jesse E.	June 6, 1894.	
Bacon, Steuben T.	May 5, 1858.	
Boyce, Cadis B.	March 5, 1862.	
Bolles, Charles H.	May 6, 1863.	
Bonney, William L.	June 7, 1865.	

Bicknell, Walter F.	Sept. 6,	1865.	
Bowen, Seranus	Feb. 6,	1867.	Life Member.
Briggs, Oliver L.	Jan'y 1,	1868.	
Barnabee, Henry C.	June 3,	1868.	
Bates, David	Jan'y 6,	1869.	
Barnard, Orin A.	Jan'y 6,	1869.	
Baldwin, Judson	May 5,	1869.	
Bennett, J. Henry	Nov. 3,	1869.	
Bryant, George S.	Nov. 3,	1869.	Life Member.
Bradstreet, Charles W.	May 4,	1870.	Life Member.
Beal, Charles W.	June 1,	1870.	
Bryant, Harrison C.	Sept. 7,	1870.	
Burrows, William H.	June 5,	1872.	
Betteley, Albert C.	March 5,	1873.	
Bartlett, Charles S.	March 4,	1874.	Life Member.
Bowker, S. Dexter	Oct. 7,	1874.	Life Member.
Bigby, John J.	Oct. 6,	1875.	
Brown, Hugh W.	June 6,	1877.	
Bicknell, Emory O.	June 6,	1877.	
Baldwin, Charles H.	May 1,	1878.	
Butler, William F.	May 5,	1880.	Life Member.
Burrill, Charles O.	Jan'y 5,	1881.	
Blodgett, Albert N.	Feb. 2,	1881.	
Blish, George W.	Sept. 7,	1881.	
Buffum, Edgar	Feb. 7,	1883.	Life Member.
Bliss, James F.	Feb. 7,	1883.	Life Member.

Bailey, Jason S.	Oct. 3,	1883.	Life Member.
Blackie, John	Nov. 7,	1883.	Life Member.
Brown, Leroy S.	May 6,	1885.	Life Member.
Baker, Edward L.	Oct. 7,	1885.	Life Member.
Burton, William J.	Jan'y 6,	1886.	
Bowles, Frank H.	April 7,	1886.	
Bright, Elmer H.	June 1,	1887.	Life Member.
Bliss, Harry M.	Dec. 7,	1887.	
Burr, Charles H.	Dec. 7,	1887.	
Burr, William H.	Dec. 7,	1887.	
Boyd, Thomas A.	March 7,	1888.	Life Member.
Badger, Daniel B.	June 6,	1888.	Life Member.
Basch, Nathan B.	April 3,	1889.	
Batchelder, Edward S.	Dec. 4,	1889.	
Bowman, Robert H.	April 2,	1890.	
Barrett, Charles E.	Jan'y 7,	1891.	
Berghaus, Herman J.	Jan'y 7,	1891.	
Burnham, Daniel S.	April 1,	1891.	
Bartlett, James C.	April 1,	1891.	
Billings, Orsamus N.	June 3,	1891.	
Boardman, William S.	June 1,	1892.	
Brown, George D.	June 1,	1892.	
Beatty, Franklin T.	Dec. 5,	1892.	Life Member.
Brande, Malon E.	Jan'y 4,	1893.	
Bartlett, Lester M.	April 5,	1893.	Life Member.
Briggs, Frederick L.	Dec. 6,	1893.	

Briggs, Richard	March 7,	1894.	Life Member.
Bridge, John H.	June 6,	1894.	
Carpenter, George O.	March 4,	1863.	
Cleaves, N. Porter	March 4,	1863.	
Clark, J. Foster	May 4,	1864.	
Cook, Henry A.	Jan'y 4,	1865.	
Chester, John H.	Feb. 1,	1865.	
Crosby, Fred	April 5,	1865.	
Crosby, Frank M.	April 5,	1865.	
Chase, R. Gardner	Dec. 5,	1866.	Life Member.
Comee, Frederick T.	Oct. 5,	1868.	Hon. Member.
Conant, Albert H.	March 3,	1869.	
Cooke, William R.	Jan'y 5,	1870.	
Coy, Samuel I.	Feb. 2,	1870.	
Chadwick, William H.	Feb. 2,	1870.	
Chessman, William H.	Nov. 2,	1870.	
Cameron, Walter M.	Jan'y 3,	1872.	
Curtis, Alonzo P.	May 1,	1872.	
Cheney, Lorenzo L.	Oct. 2,	1872.	
Carpenter, William L.	March 5,	1873.	
Clark, George L.	Nov. 5,	1873.	
Creech, Samuel W., Jr.	Feb. 4,	1874.	
Chick, Isaac W.	Jan'y 6,	1875.	
Childs, William	Feb. 5,	1879.	
Carbis, George	Sept. 3,	1879.	
Curtiss, John L.	Oct. 1,	1879.	Life Member.

Cheswell, William T.	Feb. 4, 1880.	
Cole, Herbert A.	Sept. 1, 1880.	
Cooper, J. George	Oct. 6, 1880.	Life Member.
Cumner, Harry W.	Sept. 6, 1882.	
Connery, Walter J.	Feb. 7, 1883.	Life Member.
Chapin, Preston V.	March 7, 1883.	Life Member.
Curtis, Charles	Oct. 3, 1883.	Life Member.
Chatel, Moses	Nov. 3, 1886.	Life Member.
Cook, Edgar A.	June 5, 1889.	
Collamore, John H.	April 2, 1890.	Life Member.
Caldwell, Henry L.	April 2, 1890.	
Chandler, Henry B.	June 4, 1890.	
Cairns, Alexander D.	June 4, 1890.	
Connery, David	Jan'y 7, 1891.	
Clarke, George H.	Jan'y 7, 1891.	
Clayton, Frederic I.	Jan'y 6, 1892.	
Curtis, Arthur B.	March 2, 1892.	
Cushman, George T.	June 1, 1892.	
Carpenter, Fred H.	April 5, 1893.	
Copeland, Frank M.	June 7, 1893.	
Cole, Charles H.	March 7, 1894.	
Cheney, George S.	March 7, 1894.	
Cotting, Amos	March 7, 1894.	Life Member.
Carter, Thomas M.	June 6, 1894.	
Davis, William F.	Jan'y 8, 1857.	
Dyer, Micah, Jr.	March 3, 1858.	

Dame, Charles C.	May 5,	1858.	Hon. Member.
Dewing, Seth, Jr.	May 6,	1863.	
Davis, J. Alba	May 6,	1863.	
Darrow, Charles	March 2,	1864.	Life Member.
Dame, Seth T.	Sept. 7,	1864.	
Delong, Edwin R.	Jan'y 4,	1865.	
Damon, C. Alphonzo	March 7,	1866.	
Dow, Howard M.	June 3,	1868.	
Dodd, George D.	June 3,	1868.	Life Member.
Dorr, George W.	Sept. 2,	1868.	
Dodd, Horace	Sept. 2,	1868.	
Dearing, Octavius A.	Jan'y 6,	1869.	
Dwinell, Frank T.	Sept. 7,	1870.	
Davis, H. Alric	Jan'y 3,	1872.	Life Member.
Dole, Cyrus G.	June 5,	1872.	
Damon, Henry	Dec. 3,	1873.	Life Member.
Dyer, Josiah T.	May 1,	1878.	
Drost, Charles A.	May 1,	1878.	
Donaldson, James	Feb. 2,	1881.	
Daniels, William H.	June 7,	1882.	
Delano, Elnathan	May 7,	1884.	
Dunton, Henry K.	May 5,	1886.	
Damon, Kendall H.	June 1,	1887.	
Damrell, John E. S.	Dec. 7,	1887.	
Dunham, Harrison	March 7,	1888.	
Davis, Stark H.	April 4,	1888.	

Dodge, Charles A.	June 6,	1888.	Life Member.
Davis, Henry A., Jr.	June 6,	1888.	
Dobbins, George W.	June 1,	1889.	
Delano, Harry D.	Jan'y 7,	1891.	Life Member.
Dunbar, Eugene F.	April 1,	1891.	
Duren, Marcus S.	June 3,	1891.	
Dodge, George B.	Dec. 2,	1891.	
Davis, Henry B.	June 7,	1893.	
Donaldson, John	June 7,	1893.	
Davis, Ernest L.	Dec. 6,	1893.	
Dingley, James E.	June 6,	1894.	
Edwards, Pierpont	May 4,	1859.	
Emerson, George R.	Sept. 6,	1865.	
Ellis, Warren B.	June 5,	1867.	Hon. Member.
Eaton, Warren E.	March 1,	1871.	
Eddy, Daniel C.	June 7,	1871.	
Erlebach, Adolph	Oct. 3,	1883.	
Elliott, George W.	June 1,	1887.	
Edmonds, Louis	June 6,	1888.	
Estabrook, Frederick	Jan'y 9,	1889.	
Eastman, George W.	April 1,	1891.	
Emery, John A.	June 1,	1892.	Life Member.
Elliott, Charles L.	Jan'y 4,	1893.	
Ellis, Walter B.	Dec. 6,	1893.	Life Member.
French, Benjamin	Jan'y 8,	1857.	
Fox, Charles J.	May 5,	1858.	

Freeman, James T.	May 4, 1864.	
Fabyan, George F.	May 4, 1864.	
Fox, Charles O.	April 5, 1865.	
Francis, Fideus	Feb. 2, 1870.	
Fisher, William B.	March 1, 1876.	
Foulkes, Henry G.	Oct. 4, 1876.	
Fairbanks, Fred C.	Feb. 7, 1877.	
Folsom, Albert A.	June 5, 1878.	Life Member.
Finnamore, Joseph	Oct. 3, 1883.	
Foss, Lewis T.	April 2, 1884.	Life Member.
Fenn, Lyman	Sept. 3, 1884.	
Ferguson, C. H.	May 6, 1885.	
Ford, Walter F.	Jan'y 6, 1886.	
French, William C.	Feb. 2, 1887.	
French, Milton H.	Dec. 7, 1887.	
Freeland, George B.	Sept. 5, 1888.	
Folsom, Charles B.	June 1, 1889.	
Ford, Robert F.	April 2, 1890.	
Fottler, Jacob	June 4, 1890.	
Forrestall, James F.	April 1, 1891.	
Ford, John C.	June 1, 1892.	
Ferguson, Robert G.	Jan'y 4, 1893.	
Gilman, John T.	Feb. 1, 1854.	
German, David	Feb. 6, 1856.	
Gray, George G.	June 7, 1865.	
Gottschalk, Ernst	Oct. 6, 1868.	

Grant, Stephen M.	April 23, 1870.	
Gerlach, J. Conrad	June 1, 1870.	Life Member.
Gleason, James M.	March 1, 1871.	
Graves, Clarence DeVere	May 3, 1871.	
Grace, Nicholas J.	Oct. 4, 1876.	
Green, Isaac	Sept. 4, 1878.	
Gilbert, Edward W.	Oct. 6, 1880.	
Gale, John D.	Feb. 2, 1881.	
Groves, John W.	Feb. 2, 1881.	
Gordon, Alvin J.	Feb. 2, 1881.	
Gay, George W.	June 1, 1881.	
Green, Edward E.	March 7, 1888.	
Gardiner, Frederick A.	Jan'y 2, 1889.	
Geiger, Albert	April 3, 1889.	
Green, Edward H.	Jan'y 7, 1891.	
Greene, Jered A.	June 3, 1891.	Life Member.
Garvin, Frank O.	Dec. 2, 1891.	
Gerrish Charles F.	Dec. 6, 1893.	Life Member.
Gould, William E.	Dec. 6, 1893.	
Harris, George W.	Jan'y 5, 1859.	
Hall, Charles H.	April 4, 1860.	
Hills, William S.	Sept. 4, 1861.	
Hastings, E. Warren	May 6, 1863.	
Hutchings, Theodore	Nov. 2, 1864.	
Hinckley, Benjamin	April 5, 1865.	
Hawkes, William H.	Sept. 6, 1865.	

Hovey, James L.	April 3,	1867.	
Harvey, George D.	June 5,	1867.	
Haeberle, Peter	April 1,	1868.	Life Member.
Hussey, Hobart S.	Dec. 7,	1870.	
Hine, Elijah B.	March 1,	1871.	
Hall, Horatio G.	Feb. 7,	1872.	
Hosmer, Edward B.	June 5,	1872.	
Holton, Eugene A.	May 7,	1873.	Hon. Member.
Holmes, Zacheus	Sept. 2,	1874.	
Horton, Charles H., Jr.	Dec. 1,	1875.	
Harris, Ansel J.	March 1,	1876.	
Harris, Isaac	Feb. 7,	1877.	
Holmes, Edwin B.	March 7,	1877.	
Huff, James H.	May 5,	1880.	
Hosmer, George M.	Feb. 2,	1881.	
Hano, Samuel	Jan'y 4,	1882.	Life Member.
Heath, Alfred B.	Jan'y 4,	1882.	Life Member.
Hedges, Sidney M.	Oct. 4,	1882.	Life Member.
Hewett, George F.	Jan'y 3,	1883.	Life Member.
Hildreth, Samuel B.	Feb. 7,	1883.	Hon. Member.
Hollings, John C.	June 1,	1887.	
Hinckley, James W.	Jan'y 2,	1889.	
Hewes, Joseph J.	Nov. 6,	1889.	
Hall, I. Wilton	April 2,	1890.	
Hunneman, John A.	April 2,	1890.	Life Member.
Hoak, Newton A.	April 2,	1890.	

Hayes, John J.	June 4, 1890.	
Higgins, Barnabas C.	Jan'y 7, 1891.	
Hutchings, Arthur U.	Jan'y 7, 1891.	
Hall, George F.	Jan'y 7, 1891.	Life Member.
Hersey, Ira G.	Jan'y 7, 1891.	
Hatch, E. Mertain	March 2, 1892.	Life Member.
Hall, Albert A.	March 2, 1892.	
Howland, Frank H.	June 1, 1892.	
Hicks, Joseph	May 3, 1893.	
Haigh, John	Oct. 4, 1893.	
Heath, William S.	Dec. 6, 1893.	Life Member.
Howe, George E.	June 6, 1894.	
Hodges, Winthrop T.	June 6, 1894.	
Ingalls, E. Herbert	April 3, 1873.	
Jones, William K.	Sept. 7, 1853.	
Jones, Edward J.	May 2, 1866.	
Johnson, John A.	Jan'y 1, 1868.	
Johnson, Charles H.	April 1, 1868.	
Jacobs, John S.	Oct. 6, 1875.	
Jordan, Henry G.	Feb. 6, 1878.	Life Member.
Jacobs, Edward F.	May 5, 1880.	
Jacobs, J. Arthur	Oct. 6, 1880.	Life Member.
Jones, G. Howard	Feb. 7, 1883.	Life Member.
Johnson, Herbert O.	May 2, 1883.	
Jacobs, James H.	June 1, 1889.	
Jones, Rollin	June 3, 1891.	

Joslin, Arthur W.	Dec. 2,	1891.	
Johnson, Charles S.	Dec. 2,	1891.	
James, Frank M.	March 2,	1892.	Life Member.
Jones, Edward W. S.	Dec. 5,	1892.	
Jones, Arthur R.	Dec. 6,	1893.	Life Member.
Kilburn, Samuel S.	Feb. 1,	1865.	
Kilham, Edward A.	May 3,	1865.	
Kimball, Jason J.	June 3,	1868.	
Kempton, Rollins A.	Jan'y 6,	1869.	Life Member.
Knight, Elbridge G.	Oct. 6,	1869.	
Kingman, Barton E.	Nov. 3,	1869.	Life Member.
Kimball, Ephraim F.	Jan'y 6,	1886.	
Knaut, Frederick T.	May 5,	1886.	
Keating, William H.	March 7,	1888.	Life Member.
Kittredge, Charles H.	April 1,	1891.	
Kemlo, David E.	Jan'y 4,	1893.	
Karcher, Jacob, Jr.	June 6,	1894.	
Lewis, Thomas	Feb. 1,	1860.	
Larrabee, Benjamin F.	April 5,	1865.	
Lincoln, Henry C.	Feb. 6,	1867.	
Lothrop, Horatio J.	June 1,	1870.	
Loud, Ephraim A.	Oct. 24,	1871.	
LaPointe, William H.	May 5,	1875.	
Lynde, Henry F.	March 1,	1876.	
Libbie, Charles F.	Sept. 6,	1876.	
Lincoln, Joseph B.	June 5,	1878.	Life Member.

Leonard, Horatio H.	Oct. 1, 1879.	
Lamson, Asa C.	May 5, 1880.	
Lane, Walter L.	Sept. 1, 1880.	Life Member.
Loomis, Silas W.	Feb. 2, 1884.	
Lowell, John A.	March 5, 1884.	
Longley, Edwin P.	Sept. 3, 1884.	Life Member.
Locke, Elmore E.	Nov. 5, 1884.	
Levi, William G.	Feb. 4, 1885.	
Lyons, Walter S.	June 6, 1888.	Life Member.
Learned, Francis M.	April 2, 1890.	Life Member.
Luce, Bartlett P., Jr.	Jan'y 7, 1891.	
Lincoln, Samuel A.	Jan'y 7, 1891.	
Leach, Arthur E.	Jan'y 7, 1891.	
Lynch, Samuel B.	Jan'y 7, 1891.	Life Member.
Lovell, Albert C.	March 2, 1892.	
Locke, Henry A.	Dec. 5, 1892.	
Lewis, Henry A.	April 5, 1893.	
Lovejoy, Ernest F.	April 5, 1893.	
Litchman, Charles H.	June 7, 1893.	
Lamson, William G.	Dec. 6, 1893.	
Mears, John	April 1, 1845.	
Morss, Charles A.	Dec. 6, 1854.	
Mason, Samuel, Jr.	March 5, 1856.	
Macomber, John F.	April 7, 1858.	
Moulton, William U.	June 5, 1861.	
Morton, Andrew J.	May 6, 1863.	

Mack, John	May 6,	1863.	
Maynz, Edward	June 3,	1863.	
Mercer, Alfred J.	Dec. 5,	1866.	
Mason, Joseph B.	June 5,	1867.	
McLellan, Charles W.	Sept. 4,	1867.	
Morse, John G.	June 3,	1868.	
Morton, Charles H.	May 5,	1869.	
Marshall, Augustus	Oct. 6,	1869.	
Monk, Warren G.	Oct. 4,	1871.	
Messinger, Elmar A.	Oct. 1,	1873.	
Mace, Lyman R.	Sept. 1,	1875.	Life Member.
McGaw, John	Oct. 3,	1878.	
Macdonald, Edward	Feb. 5,	1879.	Life Member.
Munroe, Martin A.	May 5,	1880.	Life Member.
McLellan, James D.	May 4,	1881.	
Miller, Marquis S.	May 4,	1881.	
Magoun, Benjamin	Jan'y 4,	1882.	Life Member.
Mann, Charles	June 7,	1882.	
Mackenzie, Alexander	March 7,	1883.	
Merrill, Frank M.	Jan'y 7,	1885.	Life Member.
Maxham, Lowell M.	Feb. 4,	1885.	
Morse, Joseph T.	Feb. 4,	1885.	Life Member.
Morse, Warren G.	March 9,	1886.	
Moses, Aaron H.	Dec. 7,	1887.	
Morse, Joseph H.	Dec. 7,	1887.	Life Member.
Moses, Orville B.	March 7,	1888.	

McLarren, Roswell S.	March 7, 1888.	
Morrill, Charles F.	Jan'y 9, 1889.	
Meader, Joseph T.	April 3, 1889.	
McKim, John A.	Jan'y 7, 1891.	
Mack, John, Jr.	April 1, 1891.	
Mattson, John	June 3, 1891.	Life Member.
Mendes, Henry	June 1, 1892.	
Merrill, Winthrop M.	June 7, 1893.	
Mainland, John Y.	June 7, 1893.	
Nutter, Thomas F.	May 4, 1859.	
Norton, Charles W.	Feb. 1, 1865.	
Noah, Charles S.	April 5, 1865.	
Norris, Edward L.	Dec. 5, 1866.	
North, Charles H.	Sept. 7, 1870.	Life Member.
Nichols, Leonard B.	March 1, 1871.	
North, John H.	Feb. 7, 1872.	
Neale, Otis S.	Sept. 4, 1878.	
Nash, Nathaniel C.	April 7, 1886.	
Newman, Arthur H.	May 5, 1886.	Life Member.
Nichols, Wendell L.	Feb. 2, 1887.	
Noyes, George O.	Jan'y 9, 1889.	
Nichols, John R.	Jan'y 7, 1891.	
Noyes, Lewis B.	March 2, 1892.	
Nickerson, Isaiah	April 5, 1893.	
Odell, James K.	Nov. 5, 1873.	
Olmsted, Charles H., 2d	April 5, 1876.	

Olys, Thomas J.	Feb. 2, 1881.	
Pope, Ivory H.	March 5, 1856.	
Park, William D.	June 1, 1859.	
Pollard, Byron A.	May 6, 1863.	
Patten, I. Bartlett	Feb. 1, 1865.	
Patch, Amos G.	April 5, 1865.	
Prescott, Edward	June 7, 1865.	
Prouty, Dwight	Nov. 1, 1865.	
Peirce, William F.	Feb. 6, 1866.	Hon. Member.
Parker, Charles W.	Dec. 5, 1866.	
Perkins, James D.	Dec. 5, 1866.	
Pervere, Frank H.	April 3, 1867.	
Pray, William M.	Sept. 2, 1868.	
Pierce, L. Elliot	Dec. 6, 1871.	Life Member.
Pratt, David G.	Dec. 29, 1871.	
Patch, Hamilton R.	Jan'y 19, 1872.	
Phinney, James P.	March 3, 1875.	Hon. Member.
Poole, Daniel D.	May 7, 1879.	Life Member.
Phipps, Charles E.	May 4, 1881.	Hon. Member.
Putney, Albert F.	May 6, 1885.	
Parsons, George	Dec. 2, 1885.	
Perry, William A.	April 7, 1886.	Life Member.
Parmenter, William H.	May 5, 1886.	
Parker, Charles W., Jr.	June 6, 1888.	Life Member.
Perkins, Edward A.	Jan'y 2, 1889.	
Patrick, John C.	Jan'y 2, 1889.	Life Member.

Preston, Andrew W.	April 3,	1889.	Life Member.
Peirce, Cyrus E.	June 1,	1889.	
Pendergast, Charles H.	June 1,	1889.	
Perry, Louis E.	April 2,	1890.	
Pollo, Edward T.	Jan'y 7,	1891.	Life Member.
Parker, Joseph S.	Jan'y 7,	1891.	
Pope, William C.	Jan'y 7,	1891.	
Phipps, William B.	Jan'y 7,	1891.	
Peabody, William E.	April 1,	1891.	Life Member.
Phillips, Alvin	June 3,	1891.	
Provan, Walter S.	Jan'y 4,	1893.	
Pace, Edwin E.	April 5,	1893.	
Rice, Hamilcar	Feb. 6,	1856.	
Rouell, Alfred L.	Dec. 5,	1860.	
Reed, Edwin	May 1,	1861.	
Romney, Charles W.	Oct. 1,	1862.	Hon. Member.
Rice, L. Frederick	Dec. 5,	1866.	
Rich, Matthias	Dec. 5,	1866.	
Rice, Henry B.	Feb. 6,	1867.	
Robinson, Wallace F.	Jan'y 1,	1868.	
Ronimus, James D.	June 3,	1868.	
Risteen, Fred S.	Oct. 5,	1868.	
Robinson, Silas F.	April 1,	1869.	
Reed, Benjamin F.	March 2,	1870.	
Ryder, Nathan P.	May 4,	1870.	
Robinson, Frederic C. P.	May 4,	1870.	

Ring, William H.	Jan'y 3,	1872.	
Richardson, Albert L.	May 1,	1872.	Hon. Member.
Roach, George F.	June 5,	1872.	
Rich, Reuben C.	May 3,	1876.	
Richards, Eugene H.	Oct. 4,	1876.	
Robertson, Charles S.	March 7,	1877.	
Rawson, Elbridge M.	Sept. 1,	1880.	
Ridgeway, Augustus	Feb. 2,	1881.	Life Member.
Remele, George H.	May 2,	1883.	
Rice, William A.	Oct. 3,	1883.	Life Member.
Richardson, Rinaldo B.	Jan'y 2,	1889.	
Richards, Elijah L.	Jan'y 2,	1889.	
Reed, George Ellis	April 2,	1890.	
Root, Albert B.	June 4,	1890.	
Ricker, James A.	Feb. 4,	1891.	Life Member.
Reed, Charles E.	April 1,	1891.	
Riggs, Eben	June 3,	1891.	Life Member.
Richards, Frank W.	Dec. 2,	1891.	Life Member.
Rowe, Henry S.	April 5,	1893.	Life Member.
Rodman, George E.	Dec. 6,	1893.	Life Member.
Seavey, Charles E.	April 3,	1861.	
Sanborn, Samuel R.	April 5,	1865.	
Sherburne, John S.	Feb. 6,	1866.	
Smith, William J.	March 7,	1866.	
Smith, Franklin	Feb. 5,	1868.	Life Member.
Seaverns, Francis, Jr.	April 5,	1871.	

Stevens, William J.	June 7, 1871.	
Sherman, Allen H.	Sept. 29, 1871.	
Smith, John S.	Dec. 4, 1872.	Life Member.
Stowell, Eugene A.	Jan'y 7, 1874.	
Smith, Henry M.	Feb. 4, 1874.	
Stewart, John G., Jr.	Oct. 7, 1874.	Life Member.
Smith, Suel	Sept. 1, 1875.	
Storer, John W.	March 1, 1876.	
Sampson, Joshua F.	May 3, 1876.	Life Member.
Storer, Ferdinand I.	June 7, 1876.	Life Member.
Sonneman, Amadaus H.	Oct. 1, 1879.	
Smith, Samuel N.	Oct. 6, 1880.	Life Member.
Sproat, Charles L.	Oct. 4, 1882.	Life Member.
Smith, Edward F.	Feb. 7, 1883.	
Sharkey, James C.	Feb. 4, 1885.	
Siegemund, Charles A.	Sept. 2, 1885.	Life Member.
Smith, Elmer W.	Jan'y 6, 1886.	
Stevens, William S.	May 5, 1886.	
Stone, Frank P.	June 1, 1887.	Life Member.
Shaffner, Frederick L.	June 1, 1887.	
Stanwood, Gus. G. R.	Dec. 7, 1887.	
Sydney, Alfred	March 7, 1888.	Life Member.
Samuel, Henry	March 7, 1888.	
Savage, Henry W.	Jan'y 2, 1889.	Life Member.
Smith, William M.	Jan'y 9, 1889.	
Stocker, William H.	April 3, 1889.	

Smith, Jonathan J.	June 5,	1889.	
Stedman, George	April 2,	1890.	Life Member.
Stalker, John	April 2,	1890.	
Souther, Emery F.	June 4,	1890.	
Spaulding, George W.	June 4,	1890.	
Serex, John	Jan'y 7,	1891.	
Sprague, Sidney W.	Jan'y 7,	1891.	
Snyder, William H.	April 1,	1891.	
Sherman, Frank H.	Dec. 2,	1891.	
Spencer, Charles E.	March 2,	1892.	
Shurtleff, Frank M.	June 1,	1892.	
Stackpole, Frank N.	June 6,	1894.	
Stuart, John R., Jr.	June 6,	1894.	
Todd, Robert M.	April 5,	1848.	
Trull, Sylvester	May 5,	1858.	
Thayer, Edward P.	June 1,	1859.	Life Member.
Thayer, Charles E.	Nov. 2,	1864.	
Thomas, Charles U.	June 7,	1865.	
Taylor, William	May 2,	1866.	
Taylor, Horace B.	June 5,	1867.	Life Member.
Taylor, Washington I.	Jan'y 1,	1868.	
Turner, John	Sept. 7,	1870.	Life Member.
Tucker, Winfield L.	Oct. 1,	1873.	Hon. Member.
Trainer, Charles W.	Oct. 4,	1876.	Life Member.
Thompson, Newell A.	Oct. 3,	1877.	Life Member.
Tower, Abner J.	Oct. 3,	1878.	

Tilton, Edward G.	Feb. 2,	1881.	
Timson, Abbott K.	Jan'y 4,	1882.	
Tyler, William P.	Sept. 6,	1882.	Life Member.
Tower, Benjamin L. M.	Jan'y 6,	1886.	Life Member.
Thayer, Edward K.	Jan'y 6,	1886.	
Towne, George C.	June 6,	1888.	
Talbot, Edmund H.	Jan'y 9,	1889.	
Thompson, Charles H.	April 3,	1889.	
Trifet, Ferdinand M.	Dec. 2,	1891.	
Thomas, Henry G.	June 1,	1892.	
Teel, Arthur F.	June 7,	1893.	
Thomas, Charles H.	June 6,	1894.	
Taylor, Arthur	June 6,	1894.	
Upham, James H.	May 1,	1878.	Life Member.
Upton, Howard W.	Oct. 4,	1882.	
Underhill, E. Howard	March 2,	1892.	
Very, Theodore S.	May 3,	1871.	
Van Derlip, Willard C.	Oct. 3,	1883.	
Wilder, William H.	Jan. 6,	1864.	
Washburn, Andrew	Feb. 3,	1864.	Life Member.
Wells, Samuel	April 5,	1865.	
Whiting, Albert T.	June 6,	1866.	
Weld, Otis E.	Feb. 6,	1867.	Life Member.
Wheeler, Walter J.	Sept. 4,	1867.	Life Member.
Wilcutt, Levi L.	Jan'y 1,	1868.	Life Member.
Wilkinson, William T.	Feb. 5,	1868.	

Wilcox, Edwin A.	Sept. 2,	1868.	
Warden, Samuel	March 3,	1869.	
Whitney, Myron W.	Oct. 6,	1869.	
Wright, George F.	Nov. 3,	1869.	
Waterman, Thomas	April 5,	1871.	Hon. Member.
Willard, Joseph A.	May 3,	1871.	Life Member.
Webb, Charles H.	Dec. 6,	1871.	
White, Charles D.	Dec. 3,	1873.	
Wait, R. Pote	March 1,	1876.	Life Member.
Wall, Ariel C.	Dec. 5,	1877.	Life Member.
Williams, Henry W.	May 1,	1878.	
Witherell, Warren B.	Feb. 4,	1880.	
Williams, Charles	Sept. 1,	1880.	Life Member.
Whitmore, Charles E.	Feb. 2,	1881.	
Whitney, Arthur C.	May 4,	1881.	
Wilcock, Edwin	May 4,	1881.	Life Member.
Wardwell, Frank W.	Jan'y 4,	1882.	Life Member.
Whittemore, Samuel B.	Jan'y 4,	1882.	
Wise, Frank W.	Sept. 6,	1882.	
Wise, Samuel H.	Oct. 4,	1882.	
Whiting, William S.	Oct. 3,	1883.	Life Member.
Watson, J. Henry	Oct. 3,	1883.	
Whitman, Albert L.	Feb. 4,	1885.	Life Member.
Worcester, William E.	Nov. 3,	1886.	
Whitmore, Joseph P.	Feb. 2,	1887.	
Willey, William L.	June 1,	1887.	Life Member.

Ward, Nahum	June 6,	1888.	Life Member.
Wiley, Albert M.	Jan'y 2,	1889.	
Whiton, Royal, Jr.	Jan'y 9,	1889.	Life Member.
Wiley, Jesse S.	Jan'y 9,	1889.	
Wheeler, Frank L.	Jan'y 7,	1891.	
Watts, Charles A.	Jan'y 7,	1891.	Life Member.
Wedger, Walter L.	April 1,	1891.	
Wilson, William A.	Jan'y 1,	1892.	
Watts, William B.	Dec. 5,	1892.	
Wood, Charles B.	April 5,	1893.	
Woodbury, Howard C.	Dec. 6,	1893.	Life Member.
Willard, Erastus	Dec. 6,	1893.	
Wetherald, James T.	Dec. 6,	1893.	Life Member.
Woodruff, Frederick O.	March 7,	1894.	
Wilson, Franklin T.	June 6,	1894.	
Winchester, George D.	June 6,	1894.	
Young, George	May 4,	1859.	
Young, Rynear S.	Sept. 7,	1864.	
Yatman, James O.	May 1,	1867.	
Young, J. Harvey	June 3,	1868.	
Young, Bartholomew M.	Dec. 7,	1887.	